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'WORRYING TREND' AS GAP GROWS BETWEEN WELSH SCHOOLS AND THEIR EQUIVALENTS OVER THE BORDER

Pupils missing out on funding compared to English counterparts

Report by TIM CHAPMAN

A TEACHERS' association has expressed its "deep concern" that under current funding an average Welsh pupil has £8,000 less invested in his or her school career compared to an English counterpart – with Vale youngsters hit even harder.

While the Vale branch of the National Association of Headteachers (NAHT) was keen to praise pupils and teachers for their recent GCSE successes in summer examinations, local president, Mr David Griffiths, was keen to point out a worrying trend.

Mr Griffiths told The GEM: "We are alarmed at the gap which has grown between the results for Wales and England.

"In 2010, the percentage of pupils in Wales that achieved five A* to C grades was more than two per cent less than that in England.

"The National Association of Headteachers has articulated on several occasions the view that standards in Wales are falling comparatively because of the difference in the levels of funding.

"This was clearly articulated at the NAHT national conference in Liverpool where there was a motion carried overwhelmingly, welcoming the First Minister's pledge to increase the funding and close the gap between Wales and England.

"***What is clear from the Welsh Assembly Government's own figures, is that the average funding for pupils in Wales is £527 per pupil less per year than the average for England.***

"That figure is about 14 per cent of the allocation per pupil.In real terms, that is £92,000 for a 175-pupil village school every year.

"For a 1,400 pupil secondary school, that would be in excess of £750,000."

Mr Griffiths pointed out that making up the funding gap would make a significant difference to the progress of pupils.

"Schools could do a lot for the pupils with that extra funding and would be able to implement strategies which would assist all pupils and no doubt enable some of the missing two per cent to meet the grade.

"Parents also find this gap offensive. Under the current funding formula a child who starts school today would have nearly £8,000 less spent on his or her education over their school career than a child in England.

"The worrying aspect of this is that the gap is growing. Ten years ago, not long after devolution, there was a 'nil' gap. The gap has steadily grown and is widening as the Assembly's graph shows.

"When we look at the prospects for the projected cuts in the year ahead, we must bear in mind the much lower base we are starting from in Wales."

Mr Griffiths also highlighted a fact that will alarm Vale parents.

"Several counties of course, the Vale included, are below the average spend for Wales, which compounds the problem."

Vale pupils trail the Welsh average spend per pupil per year by more than £400.

"The Vale branch of NAHT recognises the difficult decisions that need to be made in light of the public sector cuts, but welcomes the First Minister's pledge to reducing the funding gap between English and Welsh pupils."

Dennis Harkus, a supporter of the FocusBARRY group, said people should be worried about the levels of funding for the Vale.

"When you consider that the Vale Council has consistently had the lowest budget per pupil in Wales, our local politicians should be telling us why they allow this situation to continue, and what they're going to do about it.

"Perhaps a good start would be to be more open, and transparently inform the Vale community that the budget has been the lowest in Wales for many years, no matter what political party was in power."

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ABOVE:
An American sporting icon arrives in the Vale next week, and a Barry company has brewed a 'humorous' beer in his honour. (For the full story, turn to page 3).

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'These footpaths need attention!'

IN these straitened times, I realise that local authority resources are extremely limited, but there can be no excuse for negligence and neglect of health and safety.

It is apparent that for many years the Vale Council has been neglecting to keep open and maintain many of the footpaths in the Vale of Glamorgan.

In particular, the footpaths around St Mary Hill, the footpath on the Caermead side of the railway line near Llantwit Major, and the coastal path leading down to St Mary's Well Bay, Lavernock from the searchlight battery, are in dire need of attention.

Many of those around St Mary Hill and the path at Caermead are impassable, whilst the footpath leading to the beach at St Mary's Well Bay has completely disappeared and drops away alarmingly.

Since we are all lectured on better health; the benefits of walking and cycling, can we not at least have basic maintenance from the Vale Council?

Christopher Short, Barry

Brothers show true Welsh grit

I WAS glad to see that you have covered the Extreme Run being undertaken by Scott Jenkins and his younger brother, Rhys, of 2,000 miles from Boston Mass. to Austin, Texas.

I think, however, that this should have been given a prominent position on the front page.

These young men are putting themselves through this ordeal in order to help their chosen charities, Help for Heroes and the British Heart Foundation in this country and the US equivalent services' charity and Young Texans against Cancer in America.

It's not just a marathon, it represents a distance never previously run and upon completion will appear in the *Guinness Book of Records*.

Scott takes exercise referral classes at Barry Leisure Centre, which help people who have suffered heart attacks, strokes, and other serious illnesses.

Everyone comes in feeling shaky and unsure, but Scott combines encouragement and humour with professionalism and attention to each person's condition and needs.

He makes a difference, not just to his clients' fitness, but often to their whole life and self-confidence.

I urge your readers to visit the website www.2000milerun.com to read the runners' blogs and follow their progress across America.

I know I speak for my fellow class members in wishing the three young men fortitude and that they will show the world what Welsh grit is!

We are all immensely proud of Scott and Rhys.

Mrs Bramble Coppins, Barry

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War on unemployed while bankers escape

Is this what the people voted for?

THE declared policies of this Coalition Government invite close inspection – does anyone think them sensible?

Do those who voted for this Government, still think this is what they wanted, to make them proud of their country?

George Osborne has built his economic strategy on two large planks. He is going to make a lot of people unemployed who have been serving the nation in the public sector – a strange way to rebuild the economy, which is the only engine of recovery. He is going to wage war on the living standards of the unemployed. It is the economics of prejudice and malice.

I have no wish to be unfair to the Chancellor. I recognise he says that he is bearing down on the 'workshy', and no doubt there is a small element of the population who represent a social problem to be tackled intelligently. However, but I am not prepared to accept his condemnation of those who are not working, when he is the very person who is deliberately destroying jobs. Nobody can have it both ways, deliberately to abolish jobs, and then to accuse the unemployed of being workshy because they fail to find jobs which do not exist.

The fact that many Conservative voters still support this ignorant and spiteful view of economics, condemned by history, an expression of class prejudice in our country.

The underclass are idiotically blamed for an economic recession, rather than the actions of rich, dishonest bankers, who still win admiration.

Lifelong unemployment and poverty, with no hope of improvement, may indeed be what some of our citizens see before them – but you may not call it a 'life style choice', unless they can genuinely perceive an alternative.

The Chancellor has no intention of providing an alternative as Keynes recommended.

The 'workshy' argument was used by Conservative governments consistently during the period between the wars, never blaming the rich for the failure of the economy – although they alone had the financial power to 'jump start' it – but always accusing the poor until they were suddenly needed by the nation to fight and die in the forces.

C N Westerman, Brynna

The sad loss of The Mayflower

I'VE been a resident of Rhoose for 25 years and a local at The Mayflower pub for 35, and it will be sadly missed – but times move on.

As for the petition against Tesco coming to Rhoose, I and many others disagree.

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With regard to traffic concerns, cars and delivery trucks will be leaving the main road onto Tesco's own land.

At present, on some mornings it is impossible to get through with a car, let alone a bus or, more importantly, emergency vehicles.

It's a shame that people signing the petition didn't support another small business in the village 'The Mayflower' – if they had, it would not have been sold.

D Jenkins, Rhoose

'The prize for best jargon goes to...'

WHAT an extraordinary letter in The GEM recently from Miles Punter, head of visible services at our local authority.

His letter took nearly 400 words to tell us five things: *First*, road closures are a matter for the Vale Council; *secondly*, it was thought that the Road Traffic Regulations Act of 1984 applied to such matters; *thirdly*, that any charge levied would be to cover advertising costs; *fourthly*, that another Act could be invoked to avoid such an unjustified fee; *and finally*, that the whole issue of road closures was being reviewed by the council...

I believe there is an annual prize offered for the most jargon-ridden and obscure communication from a public servant. I wish Mr Punter well as he enjoys his inevitable award.

Robert Smith, Llantwit Major

(Founding chairman and sole member of the campaign for local authority personnel to render appropriate prose (CLAPTRAP)

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Val Higgins (Barry committee member)

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30)

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DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
23 Thur	07.18	9.3	19.28	9.6
24 Fri	07.45	9.5	20.01	9.6
25 Sat	08.14	9.6	20.30	9.8
26 Sun	08.43	9.5	21.00	9.4
27 Mon	09.12	9.3	21.29	9.3
28 Tues	09.42	9.2	22.02	9.1
29 Wed	10.19	8.9	22.36	8.6
30 Thur	10.59	8.5	23.28	8.1

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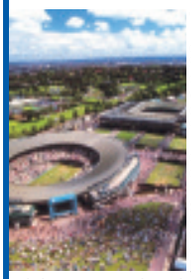

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DINAS POWYS MAN COMMITTED MORE OFFENCES WHILE ON BAIL

Ten years jail for 'ruthless burglary'

Crown Court report by AJ SICLUNA

A GANG of four men, one from the Vale, who carried out an audacious, ambitious robbery at the home of a south Wales businesswoman, have been jailed for a total of 37 years at Cardiff Crown Court.

Alan Hood, 45, of Dinas Powys, received a 10 year sentence.

He admitted charges of robbery and administering pepper spray.

The court heard that Hood was bailed twice after being arrested – and went on to commit four further commercial burglaries.

Mark Southall, 30, of Dudley, received five years, Carl Cox, 31, of Brierly Hill, received 15 years, and Kean Davies, 29, of Mountain Ash, was jailed for seven years.

Southall admitted charges of robbery and administering pepper spray. Cox was found guilty after trial of those two charges, and Davies admitted a charge of robbery. Said Judge David Wynn Morgan: "You four are part of a criminal gang, and there may have been more of you.

"You carried out a thoroughly professional ruthlessly executed plan, and there is evidence that you reconnoitred the target."

The judge pointed out that the evidence had not indicated who actually wielded the pepper spray.

Prosecutor Ieuan Morris said the raid was professionally executed on the night of June 12.

Members of the gang, one of whom, Davies, was a friend of the family, broke into the home of Janet Price, 49, using a key he had stolen, at her home in Cwmbach, Aberdare, and they made off with a safe containing £12,000 in cash.

Mrs Price's family ran a taxi business, and at the time of the raid she was alone watching television. One of the gang discharged a pepper spray into her face, and she fell to the floor, suffering bruising.

Davies, said Mr Morris, had been a close friend of the family for six years and had stayed with them.

Mr Morris said that information about the residents had been passed to Hood, a convicted thief and burglar, who had used that information to plan the robbery and had recruited the two men from the Midlands to ensure there were no hitches.

He said that the day before the robbery, the licensee of a local pub had seen two men acting suspiciously in the area.

Mr Morris continued: "The victim suffered a terrifying ordeal and was pepper sprayed on at least three occasions, and pushed to the ground.

"She described her assailant as very calm and wearing a balaclava across his face.

"There is no doubt that Mrs Price feared for her life."

Hood, said Mr Morris, was bailed after being arrested and carried out further burglaries. He broke into premises in Cardiff Road, Barry, after cutting a hole through a wall, and stole a fridge and £14,000 in cash.

He was arrested and bailed yet again, and burgled another office in Windsor Road, Penarth, stealing a safe containing £2,000.

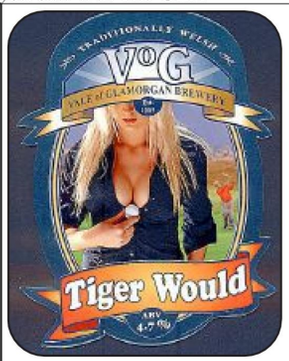
Following that, he broke into a betting shop in Grangetown, Cardiff, but this time, the safe was left outside.

He also broke into Giles Sports in Holton Road, Barry, but was caught red handed.

Mr Morris said that Hood had previous convictions for 73 offences of dishonesty.

His counsel, Heath Edwards said: "He bravely pleaded guilty at the first opportunity and he deeply regrets the incidents."

His upbringing, he added, had been "fractured".



A brewery's 'Tiger Would' beer sparks huge interest!

Report by TIM CHAPMAN

A small Barry brewery is making waves in the golf world, after it named its latest tipple 'Tiger Would' – poking a little gentle fun at superstar Tiger Woods prior to the Ryder Cup at Celtic Manor.

The Vale of Glamorgan Brewery has even produced a pump clip showing a curvaceous blond holding a golf ball to draw attention to the beer in local pubs.

Since news of its latest concoction broke, the brewery has been inundated with calls and interest from as far afield as England, Scotland, Australia and America.

Joint owner and brewer Dave Walbeoff told The GEM that the idea for the beer came from a brainstorming session.

"We are always looking for new ideas for beers and wanted to mark golf's Ryder Cup coming to Wales for the first time.

"We were having a brainstorming session while we were bottling one day and someone suggested Tiger Would.

"After all, you can't have the Ryder Cup without Tiger Woods, although at one stage it seemed a close thing."

The cheeky brew, which teases Tiger for his love of the ladies, has seized the public's imagination, and not just in south Wales, the brewery's traditional stamping ground.

Dave explained:

"We've had calls from golf clubs in England and Scotland asking about how they can get casks, and there's been interest from Australia and America.

"One caller from Newport said that US pilots flying into Heathrow had been asking where they could get it."

For a small Welsh brewery. the interest has been exciting, but also poses a few challenges.

"Our beers traditionally go to the Vale, Cardiff, Newport – and sometimes as far as Swansea. Supplying destinations in England and Scotland could provide some logistical obstacles!"

The brewery had originally planned to produce 6,000 pints, but more may be on the way.

"We will take the business as it comes and see if it helps to develop our market share in south Wales.

"The beer is a traditional best bitter, 4.7 per cent alcohol by volume, malty with a long spicy finish – thanks to the American hops."

The American Ryder Cup team arrives in Wales on September 27 and Dave is convinced even Tiger would see the funny side.

"It's a bit of gentle fun and I would hope that if Tiger sees it, he'd see the humour in it," Dave added.

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SAD SEARCH FOR CAT OWNER

A RHOOSE woman is trying to pass on to the owner of a black and white cat the sad news that it was killed after being hit by a car.

A pink collar, studded with stones, was found nearby. The cat was found dead at the roadside alongside Rhoose Road, opposite Jackson Close. Its two front legs were white in colour.

A local woman, Lisa Brooks, told The GEM: "If my cat was missing, I would be very worried.

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She said that the owner could contact her on 01446 719146.

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Doctor's epic cycle ride to help grant a wish to sick children

Hazel, Alice and Phillipa are riding from Norway to Sicily over a thirteen week period.

A BARRY woman doctor is taking a 4,500-mile cycle ride from Norway to Sicily to raise money for Starlight Children's Foundation, the charity for children with serious and terminal illnesses.

Taking up the arduous challenge with two friends, Alice Williams and Philippa Colby, Hazel Learner (26) is cycling from the northernmost point of Norway to the southernmost point of Sicily – a staggering 4,500 miles that the trio hope to cover within just three months.

They are following the Eurovelo route 7 and are carrying all their own equipment, including tents and stoves, doing their own repairs, and have no support vehicles or guides.

Already, the intrepid trio have covered over half the distance.

Hazel, a doctor when she's not on her bike, said of the challenge: "We've done 2,000 miles in five weeks and are still feeling good. We've seen an amazing array of scenery from the mountains in Norway to the Berlin wall and I'm looking forward to crossing the Alps into Italy!

"As a doctor, I have worked closely with sick children and, by giving them some much-needed fun and distraction through either hospital entertainment or once in a life time wishes, they are much more likely to respond positively to treatment.

"The work that Starlight does for poorly children across the UK is really valuable and we are proud to support the charity through this challenge."

Hazel, Alice and Philippa are hoping to raise £1 for Starlight for every one of the 4,500 miles cycled on the grueling journey.

The money that they raise will help provide fun and distraction for poorly children across the United Kingdom, including eight sick children in the Vale of Glamorgan who are currently hoping to have their wishes granted by Starlight.

If you would like to make a donation, you can sponsor Hazel and friends at: www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/cyclingsandwichladies.

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Tories' summer drinks

THE old Rectory at St Andrews Major was bathed in sunshine recently for a drinks party organised by Dinas Powys conservatives.

Branch chairman Andy Robertson welcomed members and friends and thanked hosts Dr and Mrs Peter Hilary-Jones.

He introduced Alun Cairns MP, making his first visit to a social function at Dinas Powys since his election, who regaled his audience with tales of his first days at the Commons.

Mr Robertson also introduced Angele Jones-Evans, prospective Conservative candidate for the Vale of Glamorgan at next year's National Assembly elections.

WELCOME TO BARRY!

THE Mayor of Barry, Coun Karl Kuhnell, together with his consort, Mrs Meryl Kuhnell, are pictured paying a courtesy call on Lieutenant Commander Alex Bush of *HMS Ramsey*, which was in Barry for the Waterfront Festival.

CHOIR'S ANNUAL CONCERT

BARRY Male Voice Choir's annual concert at St Helen's Roman Catholic Church, featuring artistes from Pukka Productions, is on Friday, October 1 (at 7pm). Admission £6; tickets from choir members, choir secretary (on 01446 746387) or at the door.

Step forward – top High Street shopper Pauline!

ABOVE: Pauline Davies receives her vouchers.

High Street Traders have unveiled the sixth lucky winner in their 2010 monthly prize draw – Pauline Davies of Barry.

She is seen receiving £100 of High Street shopping vouchers from Les Ingram of Vic Hopkins Butchers, where she bought the winning ticket, and Anthony Hopkins, chairman of High Street Traders.

The winning ticket was drawn by Bro Radio DJ Mathew Wilson.

Anthony Hopkins said:"High Street Traders hold a raffle every month. So if you want to be in with a chance to win, pop into any shop displaying the 'Raffle' sign, buy a ticket – and who knows, you could be the next lucky winner!"

There are £100 of shopping vouchers to be won each month. The vouchers are accepted at any of the businesses in the High Street.

The winning ticket will be drawn live on Bro Radio on the 12th of every month, just after the midday news.

U3A follow the Red Wine Trail

BARRY U3A Walking Group have just returned from Germany, where they stayed in the medieval town of Altenahr in the Ahr Valley.

The guided walks included the Rotweinwanderweg – the Red Wine Trail, where we climbed up out of Altenahr, high on the hillside, through the vineyards of ripening grapes to join the Trail carved into the rock and featuring centuries-old steep wine terraces, jagged ridges and rising woods.

Down below, tiny walled towns could be seen and we visited Ahrweiler and Munstereifel, with their half timbered buildings, cobbled streets and ancient churches, which were a delight.

Other walks took us up into the Eiffel Hills and to the giant telescope at Effelsberg, which is 100 metres across and is one of the largest fully steerable telescopes in the world.

U3A Barry activities: If you are interested in our walk group, we will meet next on Thursday, September 30 at St Nicholas Village Church at 10.30am for a short hour and a half walk.

The next monthly meeting is on October 4. in Barry Library at 2am. Speaker: Gwynneth Thomas on Osteoporosis. Other groups cover genealogy, poetry and prose, art history and a monthly luncheon club.

For further information, ring John on 01446 413328 or Lyn on 721328. Val Warlow.he next meeting of the Barry & Vale U3A is the Luncheon Club at the College Inn at 12pm on September 24. **RP**

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Curry Fruity (Large) £1.80
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Gravy (Large) £1.80
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'Invest in youth, not council sound system'

– says local sports chairman

THE chairman of a local sports organisation has said the Vale Council should be investing in activities for youngsters rather than spending £67,000 for a new sound system at the Civic Offices.

Mr Anthony Williams, who is chairman of the Vale of Glamorgan Football League which helps to provide matches for hundreds of youngsters each weekend, claimed: "A total of £67,000 on a sound system and the council leader's comment was 'it is a considerable amount' but I bet he rubber stamps it.

"Why do councillors need to hear the debate when they are told how to vote by their respective leaders before they attend the relevant meetings?

"They don't need a new system, there is nothing wrong with it."

Mr Williams also pointed out that two pedestrian crossings near Morrison's supermarket in Barry had cost approximately £80,000 each.

"People hardly use them – it's an example of money being spent in the wrong places.

"We haven't got a good swimming pool, we haven't got a cinema, we need better playing fields and it is time we invested in some free facilities for youngsters such as swimming and other youth activities so they don't hang round on street corners."

Mr Williams added that the council had to think particularly carefully how funds were spent with "money so tight and the rates going up".

The Leader of the Vale Council, Coun Gordon Kemp, said: "Mr Williams' comment that 'there is nothing wrong' with the system is incorrect. The system does not work well and currently only covers the council chamber. The system we are looking at is portable and can be used to serve meetings at other locations.

"For most members, I imagine it's not a problem hearing what is being discussed but this system is being considered particularly for the benefit of the public."

He added: "Many of those attending our meetings can find it hard to hear what's being discussed and it is our aim to improve this situation so that everyone who attends feels equally included."

Five step out on night walk for SHINE charity

A SHINE charity walk through the night for Cancer Research UK takes place in Cardiff on September 25.

Thousands of walkers will congregate in the CIA, and at 9pm begin either a half marathon or full marathon walk. For these five girls from Llantwit Major (above) walking marathons is nothing new. They are, left to right: Janet Parry – five marathons, Jacqueline Swift, five marathons, Pamela Roberts, five marathons, Asta Bunting one marathon and Denise Heywood one marathon.

They said they were "delighted" that marathon walking has come to Cardiff as they have gone as far as London and Edinburgh to walk for charity.

If anyone would like to donate/sponsor they can go to this webpage: http://www.sponsormetoshine.org/jls

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Apologies, apologies!

AFTER his charity bike ride to Westminster, Mr Alun Cairns MP said: "It was a difficult ride and I must admit to being a little sore here and there!" (The GEM, September 16).

He must be the most apologetic politician in Britain: Under 'Readers' Letters' (page 2) he apologises for not attending the Barry Waterfront Festival; under 'Business Rate Relief' (page 3) he explains, "unfortunately the Assembly Government failed to heed the warnings from myself ..." In Viewpoint (page 7) he challenges his own Government on the support offered to defence veterans.

Under 'Vale MP meets magistrates' (page 12) he asks 'voters' to look at his website to see the submission he will be making against the closure of the local court house.

When will he stop making excuses and start delivering achievements?

Roger Everest,
Pontyclun

News from Ewenny Community Council

AT the September meeting of Ewenny Community Council PCSO Steve Thomas reported that two burglaries had taken place in the community since the last meeting.

MORE speed checks will be carried out in the area as speeding through the villages continues to cause concern.

THE work on the Wick Road play area continues and should be completed within the next few weeks.

A COMMUNITY litter pick is to take place during October when the vegetation has died back. The new post box has at last had an information plate fitted and the weeds at The Nant have been cleared by the Vale Council as much as possible.

THE Highways Department have been contacted concerning the condition of Abbey Road, Ewenny.

FINALLY, residents have been asked to use the mobile library service provided. If we do not use it we may lose it!

Mary Long,
Clerk to Ewenny Community Council

Welcome back!

NEW Jerusalem Church, Tynewydd Road, Barry, invites past members to celebrate Back to Church Sunday on October 3 at 11am (refreshments after).

All welcome. Telephone 01446 406197.

'UNDER STARTERS ORDERS' FOR CANCER RESEARCH UK

ABOVE: The finalists with their 'horses'.

THE Three Bells Cancer Research UK event in Barry was won by Ben Smith (jockey) and Alan Smith (roller) who were a grandfather and grandson team.

They named the hobby horse Red Rum and Ben is going to put his winnings into buying a football kit.

They received £50 and a trophy, a bronze statue of a horse and jockey which had been sponsored by Ladbrokes.

The second and third place winners each received medals and £10 vouchers for Ladbrokes. There was plenty of laughter and fun had by all.

The event raised an amazing £344, bringing the total raised so far this year to nearly £2,000 by the Welsh Wizard Skittle Team and patrons of The Three Bells for Cancer Research UK.

'Under Starters Orders' will now become an annual event.

SARAH ASTON

TABLE SALE

ON Saturday, October 2 between 11am-2pm, there will be a table top sale in the Lee Hall, Dinas Powys.

To hire a table the fee is £5. Proceeds in aid of Bryneithin old people's home.

For further information, contact Sylvia on 01446 407860.

PACT meetings

COURT PACT, Ilminster Scout Hall, September 23 at 7.30pm.

CASTLELAND PACT, Atlantic Café, Bendricks roundabout, October 11 at 7pm.

YSTRADOWEN coffee and chat meeting, White Lion Public House, October 5 at 11.30am.

ST BRIDES MAJOR PACT, St Brides Church Hall, October 6 at 6pm.

ST AUGUSTINE'S PACT, Windsor Public House, October 13 at 7pm.

SULLY PACT, Jubilee Hall, October 14 at 8.15pm.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

(HEOL GER Y FELIN (PART) AND LLANMAES ROAD (PART) LLANTWIT MAJOR) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING AT ANY TIME) ORDER 2010

The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 1 and 2 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than twenty one days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedule below:

Full details of the proposals, to include the proposed Order and plan no T/10/51/CEP may be inspected at the Vale of Glamorgan Council at the address shown below during normal office hours and any objections you may have to this proposal must be submitted to the Head of Visible Services (Ref. IF612) in writing by 14th October 2010 and must contain the grounds upon which you object.

Persons objecting to the proposed Order are advised that in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 this Council is legally obliged to make any comments received in response to the proposed Order open to public inspection.

SCHEDULE

Prohibition of waiting, at any time.

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On both sides from its junction with Llanmaes Road for a distance of 45 metres north.

Llanmaes Road

On its north side from a point 10 metres west of Heol Ger-y-Felin to a point 10 metres east of that junction.

Dated this 23rd day of September 2010

M. Punter
Head of Visible Services
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps,
Wenvoe CF5 6AA

GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

(GWAHARDD AROS AR UNRHYW ADEG) (RHAN O HEOL GER Y FELIN A LLANMAES ROAD LLANILLTUD FAWR) 2010

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Cewch weld y cynigion llawn, gan gynnwys y Gorchymyn arfaethedig a chynllun T/10/51/CEP yng Nghyngor Bro Morgannwg yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol. Dylech gyfeirio unrhyw wrthwynebiad sydd gennych i'r cynnig i Bennaeth Gwasanaethau Gweladwy (Cyf. IF 612) ar ffurf llythyr erbyn 14 Hydref 2010, gan egluro'ch rhesymau dros ei wrthwynebu.

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Heol Ger-y-Felin

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Llanmaes Road

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Dyddiedig 23 Medi 2010

M. Punter,
Pennaeth Gwasanaethau Gweladwy
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Staff focus on £800 target for charity

All smiles as over £800 was raised for Guide Dogs UK

STAFF at a Barry opticians raised almost £800 for Guide Dogs UK recently.

The local Specsavers store held an in-store collection, gave out goody bags for all customers in return for a £1.50 donation, and donated £1 for every eye test during National Guide Dogs week, September 6–12, raising nearly £800.

It also held a special Guide Dogs Day during the week, with a visit from two local guide dog puppies. One staff member even spent the day dressed as man's best friend.

Store director, Christopher Simpkin, said:

"Guide Dogs is a wonderful charity. All the cash we've raised will help the organisation's ongoing commitment to provide services for blind and partially-sighted people locally."

WELCOME BACK TO CHURCH!

LOCAL churches will be joining the national 'Back to Church' campaign this Sunday (September 26).

Father Robert Parish, of the Barry Church of St Paul, said:

"We look forward to welcoming to the 10am service this Sunday everyone who has not attended church recently – they will get a great welcome back.

"We are also hoping to see former choristers and servers of St Paul's. Some former choristers still living in Barry would have been members of the famous St Paul's choir that sang at the Festival of Britain in London in 1951."

WHAT'S ON in brief

PoW talk

ON October 2, Barry Central branch of NSPCC presents a talk about Island Farm PoW camp, Bridgend.

The speaker will be Mr M Clubb and it will take place at Millennium Hall, Park Road, Barry at 7pm. Tickets £6, including supper. Bring your own wine.

For tickets, telephone 01446 748823.

Pirates welcome!

VALEPLUS's annual dinner and dance will be held at 7.30pm on Friday, October 15 at the Mount Sorrel Hotel.

This year, it will be a nautical theme, so the organisation is looking forward to seeing pirates and other seafaring characters!

Tickets cost £16 per person, which includes the disco and a buffet. Booking is essential. Call ValePlus on 01446 746691 to ensure your place!

COMMUNITY NEWS

LLANBETHERY & LLANCARFAN

Your community correspondents are Sam & Patsie Smith on (01446) 751448

Coffee morning

THERE will be a coffee morning at the Fox and Hounds, in aid of the Macmillan Cancer charity tomorrow, from 10 am. We hope that as many people as possible will support this very worthy cause.

Pakistan appeal

RESIDENTS are invited to an afternoon tea party in aid of the Pakistan Relief Fund (UNICEF), on Saturday, October 2 at 3.30pm in Llancarfan Village Hall.

Enjoy your favourite sandwiches and cakes and be looked after by the ladies of Llancarfan Book Club with music of a bygone age and traditional treats!

No mugs here, just cups and saucers and lots of doilies!

£5 for adults or £2.50 for children.

Tickets available from Kay Brain 01446 781080 or Liz Hunt 01446 751009

Whist drive

THERE will be a whist drive on Tuesday, September 28 at Llancarfan Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Admission, as usual, is £1 and there are prizes, a raffle and refreshments.

Dyspraxia Support Group meeting

The next meeting of the Vale Dyspraxia Support Group will take place at 7.30pm on Monday, October 4 in the Civic Offices, Barry.

The group provides support for children with dyspraxia and their families, liaising with education authorities and the Welsh Assembly. It is running a laptop project to support pupils with dyspraxia.

Families (both parents and children) of young people with dyspraxia and related conditions (such as dyslexia, ADHD, Aspergers) are welcome.

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YOUTH CLUB REUNION

A WENVOE youth club reunion is being held at the Wenvoe Arms this Saturday, September 25, from 7.30pm.

The organisers, Liz Mulckahay, Leona O'Leary and Angela Tucke, all grew up in Wenvoe village during the 70s, regularly attending the youth club.

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Dinas Powys churches have got soul!

CHURCHES in Dinas Powys assembled over the summer to "do things for the community" – and 10-year-old Rebekah West has sent us this special report:

In the summer holidays, the churches of Dinas Powys came together to hold an event called 'Soul in Dinas' action week.

Soul in Dinas started in 2005, when two young people from different churches decided to do a lot more for the community.

Soul in Dinas teams work around Dinas Powys and help people by doing gardening, litter picking, painting, removing graffiti, car washing, clearing brambles and much more.

This was their fifth year. Up to 70 people helped out in the team. They completed 50 jobs in Dinas Powys. Unfortunately, the weather wasn't good and some of the painting jobs had to be moved to different days.

This year, Dinas Powys Community Council invited Soul in Dinas to clean the stone pillar stumps and paint the black metal chains around the war memorial in the village square.

This was a very important job that the team completed with pride.

The litter picking team found a TV by Eastbrook station. They also found a pair of headphones. One was broken but the other worked.

I managed to interview Jonathan Davis, who was one of the young people who came up with the idea of Soul in Dinas.

He has been in every single hour, minute, second, day and year of Soul in Dinas – except for one evening when he went home to change his clothes, and fell asleep on the bed!

During the 'Soul in Dinas' action week, a holiday club was held for children aged five to 11. Matt, Helen and the team organised lots of fun experiments for them to enjoy while learning more about Jesus.

Those experiments included making worms, slime and mini explosions. Also, the children were shown how to put a cocktail stick through a balloon without it popping!

The summer holiday club also included a barbecue for the families of the children who came to the club. At the barbecue, the children who came were presented with prizes for being good and collecting stickers.

The Soul in Dinas team invited all of the staff from the three local primary schools, including St Andre's, Dinas Powys Infants' and Murch Junior School, to a lovely evening meal at Hebron Hall Christian Centre.

The food was organised, prepared and laid out by a highly-trained team, led by chefs David and Farah Humphreys.

A group called 'Pat's ladies!' served the food. The food was presented very well and tasted delicious!

Soul in Dinas wanted to show the teachers how much they appreciated their efforts and what a difference they make to Dinas Powys.

After the meal, there was a quiz, with Matt Lewis as the quizmaster.. He 'accidentally' added up the scores incorrectly, placing the team that contained all three headteachers last!

It was soon corrected and they came third! The winners were spoilt with Ferrero Rocher.

Soul in Dinas also organised a tea dance for the older generation of Dinas Powys. This spectacular event was held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, August 18, and about 90 people came.

The tea dance was a big success!

REBEKAH WEST

ABOVE: The Soul in Dinas team, with the author (Rebekah) in pink trousers (middle row).

ABOVE: The tea dance, going with a swing.

ABOVE: Hard at work on the clean-up.

Presentation to Dinas Powys Rotary stalwart

ABOVE: Danny Driscoll is presented with his certificate, watched by members of the club.

PAST president of Dinas Powys Rotary Club, Danny Driscoll, was recently presented with a special certificate to honour his loyal and distinguished service, by current club president Dennis O'Shea.

The presentation, at the St Andrews Major Golf Club, was attended by fellow Rotarians.

HOCKEY FOR KIDS

A HOCKEY club has been set up at the Colcot Sports Centre in Barry for children aged five to 13 to learn the game under qualified coaches each Wednesday on the Astroturf from 6.15pm-7.15pm.

The first session a child attends is free of charge – hockey sticks are available.

Further details from James on 07834 242908.

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FENSA

On tour, spelling out tough tests that lie ahead in Assembly budget

LAST week, I set out on a tour of Wales to discuss the concerns, needs and priorities of those who work in our public services and people who use them in their daily lives.

That includes all the citizens of Wales, as the Welsh Assembly Government is responsible for policies and spending that affect us all – from roads, to schools, our health service and our environment.

I have issued a leaflet which is available on line '*Your Government, Your Money' www.cymru.gov.uk* which lays out what the budget covers and what we believe we have achieved over the past three years of the 'One Wales' Coalition Government.

This includes the Carers Legislative Competency Order with the first carers' measure proceeding through the Assembly this week, steered by the Deputy Minister for Social Services, to place a duty on relevant authorities to consult with carers on the provision of services and provide carers with appropriate information and advice.

It also includes the extra help for pensioners in paying Council Tax, with £4m per year from 2009-10; and extra help for disabled and older people on low incomes who pay for their homecare, with £8.5m per year from 2007-9, rising to £10.1m from last year, provided to local authorities to reduce or remove their charges.

Last week, it was wonderful to visit the new Cowbridge Comprehensive School, to view the impact of Welsh Assembly Government funding for this long overdue redevelopment – delivering the vision set out by the school to offer learner-centred provision, with ICT at the heart of the school, developing an innovative curriculum design, building sustainability into plans for the future and developing community-focused, inclusive provision.

Congratulations to the teams who delivered this, as we move forward with the next phase of the Vale Schools Investment Strategy.

Under-funding

Introducing the budget challenges to all those I am meeting on the budget tour, I have outlined the way we spend our £15bn plus budget for Wales, with health and social services spending 41 per cent of that budget, followed by social justice and local government at 29 per cent, including funding to underpin the voluntary (third sector) in Wales.

I make it clear that we are facing a series of increasingly difficult budget settlements for Wales over the coming years, with tough choices and decisions to be made in the Budget I will present to the Assembly in November, following the announcement of the Comprehensive Spending Review on October 20 in Westminster.

Last week, I made our case for Wales in the meeting of the UK finance ministers, reminding the Chief Secretary to the Treasury of our particular needs and circumstances, as well as our current underfunding as a whole.

I have said that we cannot meet these challenges without working together with the people who know how important our public services are to them.

It is is more important than ever to make sure we spend our money effectively and efficiently. Last week, I visited a project in Carmarthenshire which is saving money and providing better care for elderly people admitted to hospital as a result of fractures.

They are discharged from hospital for a stay in a convalescent bed, in a purpose-built local authority home for the elderly, with intensive OT and physiotherapy leading to an early return to independent living at home with a package of care.

This is what we need to see across Wales, with joint health and social professionals working together to achieve these beneficial outcomes for all.

I have explained to people how and why we decided not to cut our capital budgets this year, to support our schools, our health services and house building programmes, safeguarding those schemes and protecting jobs in the construction industry.

We were asked by the UK Government to make £49m worth of cuts in our capital programme. We chose not to do that as we seek to find those savings, recognising the importance of that public spend on the private sector.

I have made the commitment to use our resources to best effect for the people of Wales, ensuring that we get maximum benefit for every pound that we spend.

We believe that 'communities count' in Wales, especially those experiencing the most disadvantage and vulnerability in today's society.

We also believe we have a duty to promote 'fairness and equality' in our budget and that this will be best for the economy as well as for the social fabric of Wales – a tough call for a tough budget.

Already, the people I am meeting on the tour in Wales are giving their valuable experience, ideas and guidance on the way forward for these challenging times.

ASSEMBLY NOTES

by Jane Hutt AM

(Assembly Minister for Business and Budget)

Green meeting

THE Vale of Glamorgan Green Party will hold a meeting at The Windsor, Windsor Road, Penarth, on Monday, September 27 (7pm start).

Visit www.vale-greenparty.org.uk for further information.

FUNDING OF LOCAL PUPILS

Vale MP 'alarmed by inconsistencies'

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

A Welsh Assembly Government spokeswoman stressed that pupils' performances were continuing to improve and that a review had been put in place to analyse the costs of delivery of education.

"Students in Wales achieved their best GCSE results ever this year and this is something that should be celebrated.

"School funding in Wales has increased by 71 per cent since 1999-2000.

"We have made it clear that we want to ensure more funding reaches the education front line – schools, colleges and universities and that's why we commissioned Price Waterhouse Coopers to review the cost of administering education in Wales."

Bryan Jeffreys, director of learning and development at the Vale Council, pointed out that the Vale was facing particular challenges in terms of funding.

"At £4,923 per pupil, the budgeted expenditure for education and schools in the Vale of Glamorgan for 2010/11 is the lowest in Wales. This should be viewed against a backcloth of the Vale being one of the lowest funded councils in Wales per head of the population.

"As well as direct spending in schools, the budget covers spending on central management and support services. The central service cost of £829 per pupil is £135 under that of the next lowest spending council and £536 per pupil below the Welsh average.

"This reflects the council's commitment to minimising bureaucracy and streamlining back office and support services, thereby enabling more funding to be directed to schools."

Mr Jeffreys stressed that the council was striving to provide education as effectively and efficiently as possible.

"The Vale delegates 83 per cent of its education funding to schools. This is the highest level of delegation in Wales with the lowest being only 67 per cent.

"The amount of funding provided to schools is £4,094 per pupil as compared to a Wales average of £4,054. A low level of surplus places in the Vale's schools enables funding to be utilised more efficiently than in many other authorities which, in some instances, are funding a significant number of empty seats."

Mr Jeffreys pointed out that an official report had said the council was responding well despite the financial constraints.

"A recent Estyn inspection of education services in the Vale reported that 'overall the value for money of education services for children and young people is good. Low surplus places, and some of the highest school and pupil performance levels in Wales are achieved from one of the lowest resource bases'."

Vale MP Alun Cairns said he was alarmed by inconsistencies in education funding.

"The Welsh Assembly Government's record over the last 10 years is extremely poor, and has knock-on effects for local authorities.

"The Vale currently receives £115 less per resident each year from the Welsh Assembly Government than some neighbouring councils.

"This equates to £25m a year lower level of funding budget to the Vale. Naturally, I'm worried about the impact on education and other public services."

He added: "Clearly a fair funding settlement in Wales would allow more to be spent on education in the Vale.

"This is something that I've raised on several occasions and will continue to do so until the Vale receives a fair slice of the cake."

WHAT'S ON / in brief

Willow craft demonstration

LLANTWIT Major Horticultural Society will meet on Wednesday, September 29, at 7.30pm in the Llantonian Hall, Llantwit Major, when the speaker, Clare Revera, together with Mel, will give a photo presentation on 'Working with Willow'.

There will then be a practical demonstration and an opportunity to make something simple out of willow.

Vale of Glamorgan Citizens Advice Bureau

Cyngor ar Bopeth Bro Morgannwg

Annual General Meeting

Friday 1st October at 12.30pm

The Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry

Speaker : Alun Cairns MP

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New dance school opens in Barry

MIRANDA LEE Dance Studios, a new dance school specialising in the teaching of dances featured on the popular BBC TV show 'Strictly', is launching at Barry Memorial Hall on Wednesday, September 29.

Miranda explains: "The dances taught will be of the ballroom and Latin American branches and will commence at beginners' level.

"Everyone is welcome – couples and solo dancers. Dancing is not only fun, but also exercises the body and mind and is a great night out.

"I don't know of any other pastime which combines all of that.

"The first class will be held on September 29 at 7pm-8pm and is an adult beginners class for ages 16 and above (additional classes for the younger age groups will be introduced at a later date).

"Students may, if they wish, take a medal test at six-month intervals and get a medal and certificate."

Miranda has danced since the age of six and turned professional three years ago.

Since then, the International Dance Teachers' Association has nominated her for the prestigious 'John Dilworth Award'.

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IF you are a Welsh learner, speaker, or even want to use whatever Welsh you have, however little – these walks are for you.

We walk in the Vale and neighbouring counties.

All walks are informal and give you the chance to practise in a sociable group.

Walks usually last up to three hours, occasionally longer.

Either 'turn up and go' or contact us for further information: ***Telephone 01446 749000; Email: info@valeways.org.uk; Website: www.valeways.org.uk***

September 25, 10am, Llanfair – St Mary Church, Cowbridge Town Hall car park.

November 7, 2pm, Saint y Brid and Bae Dunraven/St Brides Major and Dunraven Bay), Farmers Arms, St Brides Major.

November 27, 10am, Coed Casehill/Casehill Woods), Casehill Wood car park, Michaelston le Pit.

Men's forum meetings

BARRY Men's Forum activities resume on thursday, October 7 at 10.30am in the hall of the Unitarian Reform Church in Barry.

On October 7, the first speaker is Group Captain Ron Powell, who will give a talk on his 32 years in the RAF.

He will be followed on October 14 by Dennis Morgan, whose subject is 'Cardiff since 1800'.

New members welcome. Telephone 029 2059 4881 for further information.

VALE STOVES WARM ANTARCTIC MUSEUM

THE volunteers of the Antarctic Heritage Trust may have missed out on the UK's warm summer months this year, but thanks to Vale-based Topstak providing two stoves to the trust, they will remain warm and cosy during the Antarctic summer, which falls between November and March.

Up to 15,000 visitors annually make the trip to Port Lockroy in Antarctica, which was made famous by Captain Scott's ill-fated journey when he sailed from Cardiff to Antarctica on the *Terra Nova*.

The volunteers of the Heritage Trust spend up to five months manning the 'living' museum in Bransfield House, on the Antarctic Peninsula, which is a recognised historic site.

In celebration of the voyage, which is being commemorated throughout 2010, Christian Pedersen, managing director of Topstak, wood burning stoves specialists, donated two stoves to the trust.

The museum is bombarded by chilling temperatures throughout the year, making staff and visitor-welfare imperative.

Tudor Morgan, operations manager of the Antarctic Heritage Trust, said: "We are most grateful to Topstak and Christian for supplying the trust with these stoves.

"Topstak provided us with the most detailed installation instructions, as it was not possible for the team to join us in Antarctica.

ABOVE: The Antartic Heritage Trust – along with the station's penguin visitors!

"We are commemorating Captain Scott's ill-fated voyage to Antarctica this year and it was wonderful for a local south Wales-based company, to join in the celebrations and provide us with a sustainable and efficient form of heating – the entire volunteer team is extremely grateful to Topstak."

Mr Pedersen commented: "We are delighted to help the Antarctic Heritage Trust and to keep the volunteers warm by supplying the two stoves.

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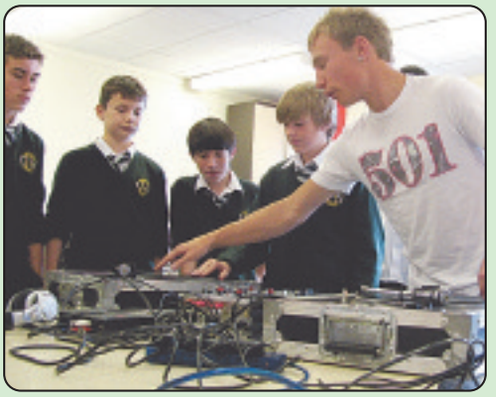

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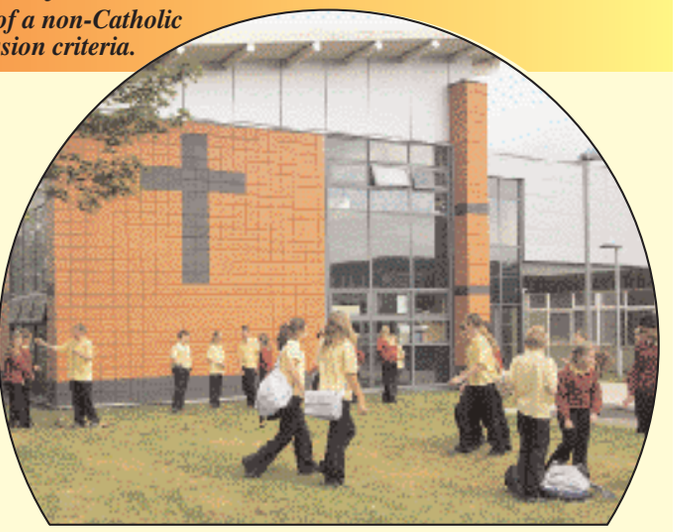

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MORE than £650 was raised for Support the Forces at a fun day and barbecue on September 11 in Sully Sports and Social Club.

The funds raised will be used to buy items such as toiletries, sweets and gifts for troops on the front line in Afghanistan.

The afternoon included face painting, bouncy castles, tombola, various stalls and a football competition. Among the raffle prizes were a family portrait donated by Frances Kestle, a butcher's voucher and a voucher for St David's Hall. First prize, £100 Argos voucher, was won by Helen Saunders of Barry.

BREAK FOR REFRESHMENTS!

...Army Cadets pay their tribute to the Seafarers

A SMALL detachment of Barry Army Cadet Force turned out to support the Seafarers Remembrance Parade on Saturday, September 19. After the laying of wreaths at the Civic Centre, the Cadets helped with the collection at a service in the Memorial Hall.

Festive shoebox appeal for needy

OPERATION Christmas Child is calling for local support to mark the 20th anniversary of its famous 'shoebox' campaign, which runs until November 18.

"When the first gift-filled shoeboxes were delivered in 1990 to children living in terrible conditions in Romanian orphanages in the aftermath of the collapse of the Ceausescu regime, no-one really thought the campaign would still be going 20 years on," said Ted Bird, area coordinator of Operation Christmas Child.

"However, it really caught people's imagination and the campaign has grown to help vulnerable children in a wide range of countries.

"Sadly, many tens of thousands of children are living in very challenging situations today, and the kindness of those who donate a gift-filled shoebox is every bit as important now as it was in 1990."

In 2009, shoeboxes full of presents were given by individuals and groups in the Vale and Bridgend boroughs, including Pencoed, Maesteg and Porthcawl.

The gift-filled shoeboxes were checked at the charity's processing centre in Pontyclun before being transported to Crimea and Ukraine.

"Operation Christmas Child is an initiative of Samaritan's Purse, a Christian relief and development organisation, and because Christmas is a special time to help a child, we want to send as many shoeboxes as we can to help mark the 20th anniversary. I am sure many people in Bridgend will support our campaign in 2010," Mr Bird added.

To participate in this year's Operation Christmas Child campaign, visit www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk <http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk/> or contact the Helpline on 0870 011 2002.

NEWS FROM PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS

WALKS NEAR AND FAR ARE ON THE HORIZON

WITH autumn and winter fast approaching, the new programme will begin in October and even though leader numbers are dwindling, there are some fine treats in store from our seasoned leaders.

After Christmas, the Festival of Winter Walks will run into the New Year and with shorter walks that are open to everyone, this is a good chance for new walkers to come along and enjoy the delights of the local countryside at a more leisurely pace.

Further afield, there will be a variety of walks in the Wye Valley, the central Beacons, Black Mountains, Llangattock, Talybont, Dare Valley and Gower for more seasoned walkers.

Closer to home, shorter walks a will be around St Fagans, Dinas Powys, Ogmore, Sully and Pontypridd with slightly longer walks in the lovely Vale of Glamorgan.

Themed walks will be at Purton and Sharpness with a chance to explore canals and docks along with a walk taking in the iron trail at Blaenavon, plus a linear walk from Storey Arms to the town of Brecon with a bus ride back.

For more ambitious members, the group are returning to Pembrokeshire, to walk the whole of the coastal footpath with Derek, one of the park rangers.

Starting at Amroth on the weekend of March 26, numbers are limited and need to be secured now by contacting Ann on 029 2040 7319.

Hopefully, the new programme which covers the next six months will contain something that will be of interest to everyone and all we need now to make it even better is some good walking weather!

***On September 25**, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for an 11-mile hard walk at Carreg Cennen; contact Val H on 029 2051 3274.*

***On September 26**, meet at 10am at Cogan for a 6.5-mile moderate walk at Tongwynlais and Fforest Fawr. The walk will begin at Castell Coch by 10.30 am. If you wish to meet your leaders there, please park in the lower car park; contact Pam on 029 2021 9102.*

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, then please contact the walk leader for advice. For other groups' walk log onto www.ramblers.org.uk.

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On Sunday, September 26 at 2pm, transport Walk starting at Porthkerry Park, Barry café car park.

On September 30 at 10.30am, a Norman church and ancient burials walk starting at St Nicholas Village Church.

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Most of the organising team.

ABOVE: Lucy Matthews, Hannah Clist and Sara Friel.

LEFT: Aled William.

William Harvard.

Getting into the spirit of the day!

Pictures and report by GAVIN DAVIES

THE village of Penmark has hailed its musical festival as an even bigger success this year – with more singers, more bands, more groups and more than 300 people.

The food was brilliant, the whole event went on well into the evening under floodlights – and the weather was good.

The bell-ringers at St Mary's Church started things off, followed by performances from Andrew Matthews (Penmark's own singer), Ffion Perret (a local soprano), John and Sheilah-Ann Farrier (singing songs from the days of the music hall), a trio of Lucy Matthews, Hannah Clist and Sara Friel, followed by jazz guitarist William Harvard, and they all kept everyone entertained with a wide range of music and songs.

At 3pm, the Nigel Hart Jazz Band took over, with Mac Perry filling in whenever there was a slight delay (great!).

They accompanied Maddi Bird, who sang beautifully on her birthday, and Anna Skinner, and kept everyone happy as they queued for their mini-hog roast.

Then it was time for (one of) our stars, international vocalist Jeff Hooper, who sang songs for everyone of all ages. He was followed by Harry Brooks who is going up to University this autumn to read history; it's hard to believe singing is only a hobby.

Everyone knows Chloe Davies, our local star, and this year her performance was even better than usual.

As time wore on the bar did good business, the audience ate their dessert, some of the younger audience had their faces painted while we were entertained by Major Music.

They come from Llantwit Major and provide an opportunity for people of all ages to sing, play or just make music.

Aled Williams sang to his guitar and then The Unknowns – they won't be for people who go to pubs in the Vale – a local rock band.

Andy Johnson from Barry rounded the official programme off but the music went on with a good audience until late in the evening. Maybe the barbecue had something to do with it; or the bar.

There are about 60 houses in Penmark and it is only because everyone in the village turns out to help that we can run this great event.

Thanks go to the members of the committee and everyone else who helped (too many to mention)!

Also thanks to all the firms who helped including The Six Bells, Penmark, Tesco, RAN Tool Hire of Barry, Pen & Paper of Cardiff, Mark Rees's transport business from Cardiff who provided the stage, friends in Llancarfan who distributed flyers, and the Vale Council, who provided the gazebos in case it rained and also provided (and removed) the rubbish bins.

We haven't done the sums yet, but it looks as if we will have made a record profit, which will go towards the modernisation of our village centre.

On Sunday, many villagers attended a special evensong in St Mary's Church to celebrate the community spirit in the village.

Altogether, a weekend to remember – and we are just starting to plan for next year, when 'Penfest' will be even bigger and even better.

ABOVE: Chloe Davies.

ABOVE: Ffion Perrett.

ABOVE: A birthday cake for Maddi Bird.

ABOVE: Anna Skinner.

LEFT: James and Mark hard at work at the barbecue.

ABOVE: Mark Guy.

ABOVE: Jeff Hooper in performance.

BELOW: The spectators relaxing in the sunshine.

Harry Brooks.

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Adjournment in Flying Vet case

by AJ SICLUNA

THE hearing of evidence from witnesses in the case at Cardiff County Court in which Vale Flying Vet Maurice Kirk is suing South Wales Police, has been adjourned.

Mr Kirk, 65,. who has addresses in Barry and Brittany, was granted an application for the adjournment, after the court heard that he was suffering from a severe hip condition, which necessitates the taking of regular doses of morphine and later, surgery.

Mr Kirk is suing South Wales Police, claiming that a conspiracy has existed against him for many years.

His medical condition is such that the taking of the painkiller was likely to inhibit his capacity to deal with the case, which was scheduled to last 10 weeks, said Judge Anthony Seys Llewellyn.

Leading counsel Lloyd Williams QC, representing South Wales Police, who deny Mr Kirk's allegations, has argued that there is no basis in law for Mr Kirk's allegations to be heard by the court.

Mr Kirk will later be allowed a right of reply, after which the judge will make his ruling.

Earlier in the hearing, the judge said the matter of whether the trial itself is achievable has yet to be considered.

Mr Williams said that he had examined medical reports which indicated that such was the pain suffered by Mr Kirk that he could not concentrate and was not fit physically and medically.

Mr Kirk claimed the police were involved in "subjective malice" towards him, and that the courts operated a "corrupt system".

The judge said that when Mr Kirk made an outburst he chose to ignore what he described as his "moments of hot temper".

Mr Kirk has claimed the police were operating covert surveillance on him.

Judge Seys Llewellyn said that for him to have adjourned the calling of evidence was " no light matter", but he felt that in his condition, Mr Kirk could not conduct a long, complex case.

He took the view, said the judge, that Mr Kirk, who is representing himself, and could walk only with the use of crutches, was severely disadvantaged.

The case involved some 40 alleged incidents over a decade.

No date for the subsequent hearing has been given and the arguments on matters of law are likely to end this week.

Reading her GEM pays off for Joan!

Mrs Joan Mansfield (right) collects her recovered jewellery from lost property officer, Barbara Morris, and PC Mark Goulding.

PAYING close attention to her GEM paid off for reader Mrs Joan Mansfield, of St Nicholas, who had lost a number of items of great sentimental value when a bag was stolen from her home in a burglary.

The bag was found in a river in the village of Llancarfan and, unfortunately, was beyond repair, However, it still contained Joan's necklaces and brooches.

Also in the bag was a distinctive brooch and two nursing badges, with the same name engraved on the rear of each.

A 'SRN' badge was dated 1948 and the second badge was from Bristol Royal Hospital, dated 1944 -48.

The Vale Neighbourhood Beat Manager, PC Mark Goulding and Lost Property Officer, Barbara Morris arranged for the jewellery to be photographed and publicised.

On the same day that the photographs appeared in The GEM, Joan was on the telephone to the police to reclaim her treasured possessions.

Joan said: "I am so pleased to have my jewellery returned to me. They are of great sentimental value.

"The nurse's badges date from the days when I trained in Bristol between 1944 and 1948, while the necklaces have considerable personal importance for me."

PC Goulding is appealing for any information regarding this burglary.

He said: "The offence took place some time between September 15 and September 20.

"I would like to hear from anyone who may have seen anything suspicious in the St Nicholas area, or in the lanes through to Llancarfan, at any time on those days."

Anyone with information is asked to contact PC Goulding at Llantwit Major police station on 101, or anonymously via Crimestoppers, on 0800 555 111.

PACT meeting

A VALE independent councillor says the recent youth annoyance problems in Butts Field, Barry, are going to be discussed at the next Court PACT meeting today (Thursday, September 23).

Coun Richard Bertin says the youth issues have been on the police priority list since the last PACT meeting, and both the police and the council have been working hard to resolve the problem at this park.

The residents' meeting will take place at the Scout Hall, Ilminster Street, Barry, starting at 7.30pm.

Guided tour gives groups first look at flagship school

AN excited group of local residents had their first look around the new Cowbridge Comprehensive School last week – and they had nothing but praise for the new building.

Representing Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council was the Deputy Mayor, Coun Andy Banks, and he was mightily impressed by his guided tour.

He told The GEM: "I really had the feel-good factor from the moment I stood at the main entrance.

"The outline of the tree that is on the front window seems to change colour as you look at it from different angles, and it makes a real impression."

He continued: "We were split into groups and shown around by really well-informed and confident sixth formers.

"That is one aspect of our education system that has changed. When I was in school I would have been nervous and tongue-tied if I had been asked to do that. It is such an impressive building, and it shows that Cowbridge Comprehensive can deliver a quality education, and be a real asset to the community, because so many of its facilities will be for community use."

Also on the tour was Coun Tony Hampton, the Vale Council cabinet member for education and lifelong learning, who said: "The delivery of this new secondary school for Cowbridge has been a priority for the Vale Council for a number of years.

"I am absolutely thrilled that our plans have come to fruition in the form of an exceptional educational facility for people, staff and the local community.

"The school has been completed on time and on budget and is an important first step in the council's school investment strategy.

"We are grateful to the Welsh Assembly Government for their support and look forward to progressing the next stages of our investment strategy in Penarth and Llantwit Major."

Coun Andy Banks and his wife Gillian with headteacher Mrs Margaret Evans (right).

The director of learning and development, Bryan Jeffreys, added: "For current and future pupils, this new school offers an exciting opportunity which will enhance their educational experience.

"To the school staff, who now have a facility fit for the 21st century, we thank you for your success in maintaining standards over the years despite the previous poor accommodation at the school. It is the staff who provide the foundation for the future success of our new school."

ABOVE: Fundraisers Charlie Puddicombe, Julian Davies and Mat Holloway.

ABOVE: The school's main entrance, with the tree which impressed deputy mayor Coun Andy Banks.

Fundraisers applaud local community

DURING the official tour of the new Cowbridge school last Friday, the chairman of Cowbridge Comprehensive fundraising committee (CCFC) expressed his thanks for the "fantastic support from the community" in raising money for extra facilities that will benefit pupils and the community.

Charlie Puddicombe, chairman of CCFC, was delighted with the hard work put in by volunteers and the generosity of donors.

He said: "Committee members, volunteers and the PTA have been hard at it for 18 months and it is amazing how well they have done in a very difficult funding climate.

"People have come forward from all walks of life and we have had the support of a number of trusts and large corporations. Donations have ranged from a couple of quid to more than £10,000."

To date, the committee has raised £115,000, which has paid for a complete library of books and journals, sports facilities and state-of-the-art theatre equipment – none of which could be provided through statutory funding.

In addition to this, a concert grand piano was also donated as a specific gift.

He said that the original target was £250,000, but this had proved too ambitious during an economic downturn. The fundraising committee prioritised items according to the school's needs.

All library requirements were met. Much of the equipment needed to fit out the school hall as a theatre has been installed and the committee is hopeful that the £10,000-or-so needed for proper safety curtains can be achieved by the end of November, when the fundraising committee closes its books.

The sports hall now has a professional lighting system that will allow sports to be played during the dark winter evenings, but the training and fitness equipment hoped for is on hold until more funds become available.

Mike Clay, the govenors' representative on CCFC, said "We have extended the closing date for donations until November 30, and remain hopeful that additional equipment needed for the theatre, drama and dance studios and outdoor sports can be funded.

"Donations before we wind down the major efforts of CCFC would be most appreciated!"

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Crisp tasting and other team building games!

AS the new club year beckons for Maendy YFC, prospective members together with current and past members, are invited to Cowbridge RFC on Tuesday, September 28, commencing at 7.30pm for an evening of 'Speed-Gaming'.

This will include Nintendo Wii challenges, mystery crisp tasting to test your taste buds, team-building games along with various other activities.

If you are aged between 10 – 26, come along to meet everyone and have a fun night out. You will be able to meet new people, learn what YFC has to offer and find about club trips, competitions and socials for the year ahead.

And in case you were wondering – you don't have to be a farmer to be in Young Farmers!

Maendy YFC recently held its annual general meeting where the following appointments were made for club officers for the forthcoming club year: Miss Jayne Brace remains president, Mr Ieuan Rosser (Windmill Farm) was elected as chairman, with Miss Hannah Lewis re-elected as vice chairman; general secretary Miss Bethany Jarvis; competitions secretary Miss Megan Thomas; and social secretary Miss Anwen Roberts.

The finances of the club are now in the hands of newly-elected treasurer Mark Edwards, whilst Miss Zolly Whitaker will keep check of the meetings as minute secretary.

For further information, contact club chairman Ieuan Rosser, e-mail i_rosser@hotmail.com or telephone 07732 626314. See website for details, www.maendy.btck.co.uk.

Maendy YFC is celebrating its 70th anniversary with a Masquerade Ball on Saturday, October 16 at Cardiff City Hall. Contact us for information and tickets.

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Dinas Powys Show voted huge success

DINAS POWYS Village Show earlier this month was a huge success and the weather remained dry, if cloudy, enabling all the attractions of the show to take place.

The garden of the parish halls were crowded with parents and youngsters enjoying the music supplied by the Dinas Powis Ecumenical Seven alternating with the excellent Punch and Judy Shows.

In all, about 600 adults and youngsters went through the doors and the parish hall was a really colourful sight .

Surprisingly, in view of the year's changeable weather, the floral and fruit and vegetable entries were superb, the photographic entries nearly doubled and the painting and drawing section attracted some lovely work.

There is a lot of talent around and the entries were sent in from many places outside the village.

The cookery section was nearly overloaded and the items looked very tempting.

Entries into the needlework classes were tremendous, and the craftwork demonstrated a lot of originality. Despite fewer entries from the schools, those that came in were very good and colourful – all those schools that did participate are to be commended.

All in all, the afternoon was a great occasion, the second highest attendance on the show's history. Thanks must be given to all those who attended on the day and all those who entered into the spirit of the competitive classes and, of course, to the Women's Institute who provided all the delicious cakes and refreshments.

The show will be on the same weekend next year. Readers may have noticed that the Penarth Horticultural Show was on a different weekend to the Dinas Powys Show and this may have contributed to the increased number of entries but should work in both directions.

The trophy winners are listed below. The awards were presented by the Chairman of Dinas Powys Community Council, Mr John Huw Williams.

Young People's Classes: 1, Dell Smith Cup for Reception children - Alfie Sargeant; 2, J Brockhurst Cup for Reception children - Emily Maunder, Ross Newton and Tyler Perry; 3, Aquarius Cup for years 1 and 2 - Joseph Turner; 4, Dinas Powys and St Andrews WI cup for years 3 and 4 - Bridget Turner, Jack Doyle, Kate Brown; 5, St Cyres Cup for years 5 and 6 - Coire Clarkson and Lowri Bullivant; 6, Enid Jackson Cup for highest number of points - Alfie Sargeant.

Open Classes: 7, British Gas Wales Cup for Cookery, Baking and Preserves - Angela Reardon; 8, Harry Phillips Plate for Fruit and Vegetables - Cecil Townsend; 9, Dinas Powys Garden Society Cup for Flowers, Shrubs and Houseplants - Elisabeth Richards; 10, Randell Rose Bowl for Floral Art - Ann Dungey; 11, National Westminster Cup for Needlecrafts - Cynthia Greenslade; 12, D Hampton - Jeffery Cup for Painting and Drawing - Rachel Collis; 13, Dinas Powys Community Council Cup fpr Craftwork; 15, Women's Institute Plate for Highest number of points in show - Elisabeth Richards.

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Barry and the Great War

headteacher of St Cyres School, Dr Jonathan Hicks, is to give an illustrated talk on Barry's role in the First World War to 372 (Barry) Squadron Air Cadets on Monday, September 27. at 7pm.

The cadets, who are aged 13-18, depart on September 30 for a four-day visit to the battlefields of the Great War in France and Belgium, where they will be paying their respects to the fallen.

Dr Hicks's talk will allow the cadets to see the faces of the men on Barry's Roll of Honour in the Memorial Hall.

He will be telling some of the many poignant and moving stories he has uncovered during the course of his research.

'A day we will treasure for the rest of our lives'

Singing star Connie chooses St Donat's church for big day

Connie Fisher and Jeremy Reed got married at St Donat's Church and this week's Hello magazine carries an exclusive interview with the couple about the special day.
PHOTOGRAPH by HELLO MAGAZINE

WELSH singer Connie Fisher, who shot to stardom in 2006 when she won the lead role in The Sound of Music, married international banker Jeremy Reed at St Donat's Church on September 11.

The couple originally met at Cardiff train station two years ago.

In a break from tradition, Connie's mum, Jan, gave her daughter away, while the singer's father Michael, who is divorced from her mother, read a poem from AA Milne's *Winnie The Pooh*.

In an exclusive interview with this week's HELLO! the bride explained the significance of the reading: "Winnie the Pooh was my favourite childhood character and Dad would read stories to me every night, so it meant a lot to me to have him read that poem at my wedding."

Connie (27) said the ceremony at St Donat's was one she would never forget.

"Before Jeremy proposed, I didn't think that getting married was that important to me.

"But to make that public declaration of our love in front of our families and friends, and to feel their love and support for us, was so special and so personal.

"It was the most amazing day and we will treasure it for the rest of our lives."

Finlay's dreams are boosted by a charity event

A FOUR-YEAR-OLD boy from Bridgend with a form of cerebral palsy, dreams of being able to walk – and an event in Barry is the latest attempt to raise funds to send him for a £40,000 operation in America.

Finlay Brunt suffers from spastic diplegia cerebral palsy which means that his muscles do not function properly. He can walk unaided on his toes, but often falls over.

A charity evening is being held on Saturday, October 2, at Wyndham Conservative club, Harbour Road, Barry from 7.30pm until midnight. There will be a raffle and buffet.

Finlay's parents told The GEM: "We would like to take Finlay to America where he can have a procedure called 'selective dorsal rhizotomy' which involves sectioning – cutting – some of the sensory nerves that come from the muscles and enter the spinal cord.

"Without the procedure, Finlay is likely to be wheel-chair bound in his teens.

"The operation will no doubt be life-changing for Finlay and our whole family. We need to raise approximately £40,000, and hope to achieve this with various fundraising events and the support of the community."

Enquires relating to tickets, donations or raffle prizes for the evening should be made to the Wyndham Conservative Club, Gerry Richards on 01446 400427 or Paul Richards on 01446 408668.

For more information on Finlay please go to www.fixfinlayfund.org.uk

Beauty with sweet nature

THE GEM is in partnership with the Dogs Trust to find good homes for dogs at the Bridgend Rehoming Centre (*Tel. 01656 724598*)

THIS WEEK: Beauty is an eight-year-old Labrador cross, a centre spokeswoman describes as a lovely dog with a sweet nature.

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Music with Mummy has its sights on an award

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'Double whammy' as cost of caring set to rise

EVEN before the outcome of October's comprehensive spending review, Counsel and Care, the national charity working with older people, their families and carers to get the best care and support, predicts a double whammy will hit older people and their carers, with some councils already increasing charging for home care as well as tightening their eligibility criteria for access to services.

Counsel and Care has published the results of a national survey showing how councils' care budgets are under extreme financial pressure.

Over half of councils surveyed confirmed that they would be carrying out budget cuts in social care or a reduction in the range of services available.

Six of the councils surveyed openly stated that they are considering increases to home care charging. A further four are known to be already consulting on raising charges.

Of the councils surveyed, the highest hourly rate charged now sits at £19.70 an hour. Currently 20 councils charge more than £14 an hour, with 12 charging more than £15 an hour for essential home caIn particular, two councils are currently consulting on removing or increasing the maximum weekly charging level that they had previously set for home care per week.

This is despite the highest rate now reaching £454.78 per week.

Stephen Burke, Chief Executive, Counsel and Care, said:

"Counsel and Care is extremely concerned about the knock-on effects such increases in charges will have on the quality of life for older people and their carers.

"If these short-sighted plans are put into action, the impact will be felt first by the most vulnerable, who will have to go without vital care and support and then on acute health services as people are forced to reach crisis point before they get help.

"This is not the only choice for local councils. We are aware of councils who are extending their eligibility criteria to support older people with low and moderate needs.

"Such short-sighted cuts will cost the public purse more in the long run.

"We acknowledge the pressures that local authorities are under, but call on councils to protect vital frontline services for older people and their carers."

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They have also had the opportunity to provide first aid cover at a variety of events, from local, community organised fetes and fun days to rugby matches and concerts at the Millennium Stadium.

The division are now looking for new members in order to expand. If you would like to become part of our 4,500 strong membership, helping your community whilst being equipped with life skills such as first aid training, call

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Children's nature lesson at Cosmeston

MORE than 120 children were at Cosmeston Lakes Country Park during the summer holidays for a nature 'lesson' with rangers.

"Aimed at five to 11-year-olds, the fun activities included pond dipping and bug hunting and were a great success", park ranger Aaron Jones said.

"It was great to see the children getting involved in nature activities and enjoying themselves."

ABOVE: Children enjoyed bug hunts and pond dipping at Cosmeston.

Vale Mayor congratulates Eva on special day

THE Mayor and Mayoress of the Vale of Glamorgan, Coun Colin Osborne and his wife Ruby, were pleased to present Mrs Eva Tyrell of Gladstone Road, Barry with a basket of flowers on her 100th birthday. Eva was featured in last week's GEM.

President has got her gavel back

BACK bronzed and fit for autumn meetings after a busy summer at home and abroad, certificates were presented to the members who competed successfully at the Glamorgan Federation WI Show at North Cornelly in August.

Certificates were awarded for flower arranging, baking, poetry , art and horticultural, and samples of these entries were on display.

The craft group will reconvene at Noah's Place at 10 am every 3rd Tuesday of the month; this continues to be a very popular gathering with lunch afterwards.

The president is in possession of the gavel once more. This came to light after the reorganisation of the church hall, but the embroidered tablecloth is still missing: members are asked to look in their attics. This is a part of Llanblethian W.I.'s history that has somehow gone astray.

We now also own a splendid table tennis table and when we have found somewhere to set it up, apart from the treasurer's garage, we will be organising a tournament. Open-air play is still possible until the weather closes in.

Speaker for the evening was Mrs. Ann Anderson, who demonstrated the technique of watercolour painting.

As many of our members have discovered, this is one of the most difficult mediums in which to work, but Mrs. Anderson had produced a fine local landscape for us by teatime.

We had a preview of next year's programme as already sketched out, and it will incorporate a good mix of art, travel, history and natural history – well done, the programme committee!

September's competition was won by Gillian Tasker with her pith helmet. Next month we'll be learning about Welsh cheeses.

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Former church centre stages charity concert

THE Porthceri Centre group is making steady progress with its plans for a cultural centre in the former Porthkerry Road Methodist Church in Barry.

Almost 50 supporters braved wind and rain to attend a photo call in the Grade II listed building, where the chair of the Porthceri Centre Group, Dorothy Connell explained how the project is moving forward and outlined plans for buying the premises, which are still for sale on the open market.

Secretary Suzannah Delaney was also optimistic and said "we've just had our first event in the building and it was a huge success.

"Thanks to the generosity of the Methodist Church, we've been able to show the community what is possible in the centre and we're thrilled with the positive feedback we're getting from our questionnaires and consultations.

"A medium-sized venue is something Barry needs and we believe we have the ideal building for it.

"At the moment, we're having important meetings and developing our business plan and funding bids. It won't happen overnight, but we believe it will happen, and will be an important addition to amenities in Barry and the Vale".

Members of the group also got their hands dirty preparing the building for a concert which attracted a large audience to hear 'Vale Voices' and the Vale Chamber Orchestra perform the ever-popular Faure Requiem.

Soprano Darcie Hamilton.

Baritone soloist Edward Rhys Harry is a well-known figure in Welsh music circles, and is the musical director of London Welsh Male Voice Choir, Cor Bro Ogwr and the Athenaeum Singers – as well as lecturing and composing.

Young soloist Darcie Hamilton captivated the audience with her heart-melting soprano voice, and Deputy Lord Lieutenant Colin Jones was a gracious host for the concert.

More than £800 was raised for Save the Children on the night, which was a great curtain-raiser for the Porthceri Centre.

Psychic fayre

ON October 2 at 10am-4pm, Cadoxton Spiritual Church is holding a psychic/mind/body/Tarot fayre.

Eisteddfod meeting

A PUBLIC meeting to discuss the National Eisteddfod's visit to the Vale of Glamorgan in 2012 is being held at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg, Barry, at 6.30pm on Wednesday, October 6.

An Eisteddfod spokeswoman explained: "The meeting is an opportunity to find out more about the Eisteddfod's visit to Llandow which will be from August 4 to 11 in 2012.

"Anyone interested in the Eisteddfod's visit is welcome to attend the meeting, and simultaneous translation will be available on the evening."

It's The Other Guys that get all the laughs in hysterical comedy

SCREEN TALK

by GARETH JAMIESON

"HEY, I'm Mark Wahlberg; let's go talk to some animals..."

This wasn't a phrase sprouted by the eponymous actor, rather *Saturday Night Live* comedian Andy Samberg lampooning the actor in a farmyard setting.

Wahlberg's reaction to the skit showed he was more than happy to be in on the joke, and showed a more-humorous side to his character.

Whether the incident was linked or not, it came as he made a move into comedy alongside Will Ferrell, another actor experiencing a lack of recent success, in *The Other Guys*.

The pair play Terry Hoitz and Allen Gamble respectively, two mismatched deskbound detectives who are forced to fill in the paperwork of the superior Danson and Highsmith (Dwayne Johnson and Samuel L Jackson) who take down all crime in their wake.

However, when the pair are permanently put out of action, Hoitz and Gamble take on the case of shady capitalist David Ershon (Steve Coogan) in the hope of filling the gap – and their adventures begin...

Much like Mark Wahlberg, Will Ferrell has seemingly been undergoing something of a career funk lately. The days of being cinema's pre-eminent funny man seem to have gone, and judging by the lead weight that was last year's (quite enjoyable) *Land of the Lost*, Ferrell appears to have lost his box-office sparkle.

That said, *The Other Guys* might just be the turnaround that both Ferrell and Wahlberg need, as the film is a return to form for the former, and shows a whole new side to the latter, in what is a painfully hilarious comedy.

By now we all know that Will Ferrell, much like Adam Sandler, is in his comfort zone as a shouty man-child, a character that Ferrell has parlayed into some fine comedy moments; it has also been something of a hindrance, fine in the quality likes of *Elf* or *Talladega Nights*, not so good in the likes of *Semi-Pro*.

Whether this has been noted or not remains to be seen, but here Ferrell plays a slightly different character with hugely successful results. The nerdy Gamble is less screaming idiot and more quiet simpleton, yet Ferrell plays him with a superb eye and ear for comic timing.

Mining his character for all he's got, it shows a different side to Ferrell's ability, getting comedy out in a different way. That's not to say that the loud side doesn't rear its head at all, but when it does it's hilarious purely because it is so out of the character's nature. Espousing the less-is-more theory, here Ferrell is funnier and more vital than he has been in a long time, and it's a pleasure to see.

Alongside him, Mark Wahlberg similarly delivers his best performance in a long time. While not fully comfortable with comedy, the actor throws himself in with such gusto that he hits the mark more often than not, and shows a barely-seen knack for getting laughs (aside from *The Happening*, of course, which was perhaps the most unintentionally hilarious film ever).

With the character of Hoitz having anger issues, he takes the lead of the duo, something that works surprisingly well, Ferrell taking the back-seat and playing a little straighter than usual.

Surrounding the pair are performers who manage to give Ferrell and Wahlberg strong comedic support; Michael Keaton is an absolute gas as the pair's chief who works part-time in a bath shop to put his son through college, bagging plentiful laughs; while Rob Riggle and Damon Wayans Jr as Hoitz and Gamble's detective nemeses mine plenty of comedy from their dunderheaded characters. I

If Steve Coogan doesn't quite create an impact as the villain of the piece, then Samuel L Jackson and Dwayne Johnson's cameos most certainly do.

Paying heed to every single action hero cliche, the pair's screentime is brief but massively entertaining.

Adam McKay has been a long-time collaborator with Ferrell, and their partnership again bears fruit here, McKay on co-writing and directing duties.

The script, written along with Chris Henchy, mines the usual police film tropes, and while the story is purely flimsy, it is only really there as an excuse to hang the jokes on.

Similarly, McKay's direction comes from a warm place, lampooning the excesses, but doing it in such a way that the film looks thoroughly slick and professional.

The action set-pieces fizz with panache and style, while he shows some clever touches throughout.

Like most comedies, *The Other Guys* does struggle to sustain its laughter count, the film struggling to maintain its momentum coming into the climax, while a stronger story would have given a bit more foundation to the film rather than the weak structure that seems a touch too pencilled in.

However, it isn't a film that should be judged on its dramatic merits, more on its comedic ones, and that section ticks all the boxes.

While not quite reaching the heights of his classics, this is still a return to form for Will Ferrell, and also Mark Wahlberg – these *Other Guys* are a roaring success!

VERDICT: Hysterically funny, *The Other Guys* sees Will Ferrell hit top gear again in some style. Accompanied by Mark Wahlberg, who shows both a keen comic touch and offers a good solid performance, it is comedy that strikes the right note.

While Ferrell has a long way to go before hitting the level of *Anchorman*, *The Other Guys* is a definite step in the right direction! *Recommended.*

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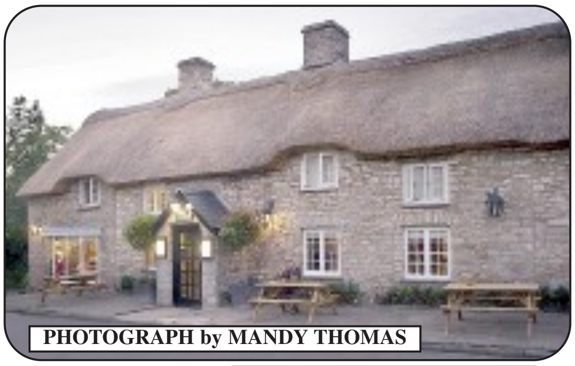
Oakhouse FOODS

The Bush Inn is back – and Vale diners will be the winners

by PHILIP IRWIN



PHOTOGRAPH by MANDY THOMAS

ONE year after the fire that destroyed its thatched roof, the Bush Inn at St Hilary is back with a new husband-and-wife team, new staff, a new menu and a (slightly) new look.

Liz Silva and Andy Hooker met several years ago in Virginia Water, and were married a year ago. At the time, Andy was in his 10th year running a popular restaurant in the stockbroker belt, where his hearty, tasty and good value pub food had given him a solid reputation and a regular clientele.

Liz was working in IT but, as a Cowbridge girl who had lived in the town from 1974, and attended the comprehensive school, she was feeling her home town calling her back.

They talked about bringing Andy's successful business model back to the Vale and, by a happy chance, discovered that the Bush Inn was available – although it was lacking a roof at the time.

They approached Punch Taverns and worked out a deal. The pub chain would restore the roof, while Liz and Andy would refurbish the interior, and have a completely free hand with the menu.

The result is a welcoming pub, where each room has a slightly different character. The main restaurant has had its old false ceiling removed, and the old brickwork and beams are now a feature in a room that is impressive and cosy at the same time.

On to the food, and the one thing that jumps out at you when you look at the menu is that Andy's unique selling point is his huge variety of home-cooked pies and Wellingtons. The pies are all one price (£10.50 with vegetables or a salad, and chips or potatoes) but the variety is huge.

Lamb pie with mint and orange, or game pie with walnuts and cranberries, or venison pie with red wine and chocolate! The list goes on.

Similarly, an 8oz fillet of beef wellington (with pate, onions and mushrooms in puff pastry) is first on the wellington list, but variations include chicken with bacon and stilton, and salmon with prawns and asparagus in Hollandaise Sauce.

It is difficult enough to choose from these two lists, but on top of that, Andy offers a full range of a la carte options for a varied three course meal – plus about four chef's specials every day, depending on the season.

ABOVE: The Bush Inn is back in business, and (right) Andy Hooker and Liz Silva, who have taken over therunning of the pub.

To start, I chose grilled garlic and stilton Portobello mushrooms, which came with a roll and a salad, and my guest went for the soup of the day, which was wild mushroom.

The thing that jumped out at this stage is that Andy doesn't believe in putting anything on the plate that looks or sounds good – but turns out to be a bit bland.

Everything has a taste that hits you from the first mouthful. My mushroom dish was rich, and the two main flavours worked really well with the texture of the mushrooms. The salad came with a tasty dressing that complemented the garlic and cheese.

Similarly, my guest commented, right from the first spoonful, on the full flavour of her soup, which was thick and overflowing with mushrooms.

She chose as her main course the steak pie with Guinness and stilton, and it came with plenty of vegetables, and mashed potato. Once again, the sauce was rich and tasty, and the ingredients were cooked perfectly and blended really well.

I was tempted by the rabbit pie with mushrooms and pancetta, but you can't both eat pies when doing a GEM dining review, so I went for one of the chef's specials, lamb steaks with a tomato, mushroom and oregano sauce, which once again came with plenty of vegetables, and I chose the chips to accompany it.

To be honest, I wasn't sure what to expect from lamb steaks, and suspected it might just be a fancy name for a cutlet.

Well, I was quite wrong, and the medium rare juicy steaks that appeared on my plate turned out to be excellent – and once again the sauce that came with the dish was rich and tasty. There was plenty of it too.

Talking to Liz and Andy afterwards, they both said that they were not aiming to be a 'gastropub', so I don't think diners will find their sauces artfully smeared in a corner of the plate!

The Bush Inn's house wines (always a good test) were very good quality, and the wine list features a wide range of wines from around the world, starting at £13.95 a bottle.

We ate on a Thursday evening, not always a busy night, but the Bush was doing good business. However, I wonder if they sell much from the dessert menu because, despite starving ourselves during the day, we were both too full to tackle a pudding. I could have stretched to a crème brulee or a cream caramel, but sticky toffee pudding or banoffee pie was a step too far.

Hearty eaters who can manage three courses can expect to pay between £18 and £30.

Liz and Andy's aim is that the Bush should be a pub where everyone feels relaxed. No one need dress up, and they want the sort of pub where walkers (or workers) drop in for a drink or a snack, as well as diners from around the Vale.

Although the pub does a traditional Sunday Roast at £8.95, the pies are on the menu at all times, including Sunday, and I suspect that could turn out to be quite a smart move!

So, welcome back to The Bush. 'Under new thatch, under new management' is Liz and Andy's slogan – and it means that St Hilary is back on the Vale's dining out venue list!

Ty Hafan winners

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Out and About with The GEM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO CLIFF AND BERNICE!

DANCERS at the Penarth Tea Dance Association marked two special birthdays at The Paget Rooms recently.

Bernice Davies and Cliff Edge celebrated their 90th and 80th birthdays respectively, and the photo shows them enjoying their special day.

The dance meets every Monday at 2pm in The Paget Room (£2 entrance).

RIGHT: Cliff and Bernice celebrate their birthdays

What's on and where in the area...

Teachers' pet garden!

BARRY teacher Diane Mead is opening her garden at Witsend, 77 Coleridge Avenue, Penarth to the public for the NGS yellow Book Scheme today (September 23) from 11am-4pm – admission is £2, children under-16 free.

This is a small garden enjoying the beauty of autumn with foliage, berries, late-flowering perennials and restricted apple and pear trees hung with fruit.

There will be a produce stall selling jams and preserves, plant stall and an art exhibition with originals, prints, cards and local view notelets for sale.

The NGS Yellow book Scheme raises money for several charities, including Marie Curie Cancer Care, Macmillan Nurses and Crossroads.

Surgery

HUW IRRANCA-DAVIES, MP for Ogmore, is holding a street surgery as follows:

September 23, 10am-11am, Llanharry; September 23, 11.30am-12.30pm, Tylagarw; September 23, 1.30pm-2.30pm Lewistown.

Contact the MP on 01656 737777.

Coffee morning

A MACMILLAN coffee morning is being held at:

Tabernacle Vestry, King's Square, Barry 10am-12.pm, Friday, September 24. Ticket £1.

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St Fagan's 'double bill'

CYMDEITHAS Gwiscoedd a Thecstilau Cymru (The Costume and Textile Society of Wales) will present a 'double bill' on Saturday, September 25 at St Fagan's National History Museum.

At 11am, artist Cefyn Burgess will talk about his work as a renowned Welsh fabric designer and weaver.

At 2pm, Eleri Lyn, the fashion curator at the victoria & Albert Museum, will talk about her new book in the V&A Publications Series on fashion from the museum's dress collections.

Sign in at 10.30am. Members free, non members £5 for each lecture.

Further details from Gaye Evans (chairman) on 029 2040 4956.

Rummage sale

THERE will be a rummage sale in the Lesser Hall, All Saints church, Victoria Square, Penarth, on Saturday, September 25 from 10am-noon.

Admission 20p. Proceeds for charity.

Stamp fair

BARRY Philatelic Society is holding an 'Autumn day' with the Federation of South Wales Philatelic Societies national dealers at Barry Boys Comprehensive School, Port Road, Barry, from 10am-4.30pm on Saturday, September 25.

Admission is 50p, and refreshments are available. *For details, 01446 741026.*

Jumble sale

THE 1st Dinas Powys Scout Group is holding a jumble sale pm Saturday, October 2 at 1.30 pm at The Scout Hall, Highwalls Road Dinas Powys. Admission is 50p.

Tabernacl concert

TABERNACL Music Society's autumn concert features Haydn's *Maria Theresa Mass*, Rutter's *Gloria* and Handel's Coronation Anthem – *The King Shall Rejoice*, composed for the coronation of King George II at Westminster Abbey on October 11, 1727 – 283 years ago to the day almost.

Joining the choir will be soloists, Phillippa Scammell (soprano), Dawn Burns (alto), Sion Owen (tenor), and Osian Llyr Rowlands (bass) – all graduates of the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama.

The talented TMS orchestra will be under the baton of musical director Kevin Adam, on Sunday, October 10 at 7.30pm at Tabernacl Chapel, Derwen Road, Bridgend.

Tickets available from the secretary on 01656 654899, or at the door.

Donor sessions

THE Welsh Blood Service is holding donor sessions in the area next month.

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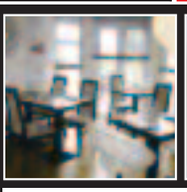

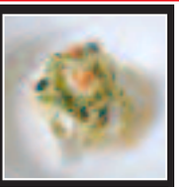

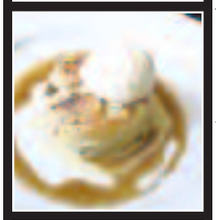

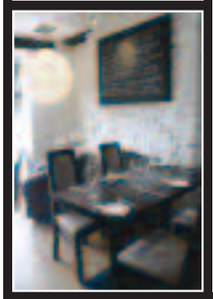

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Penarth Computer Club news
CLICKING INTO THE COMFORT ZONE...

AS chairman, my pleasant duty was to welcome six new members to the first meeting of Penarth Computer Club after the summer break, before giving an introductory presentation.

You don't often see a baby in a nappy playing with a laptop - but they can.

They will press buttons until something interesting happens and keep trying for more of the same.

Eventually, they get the idea of cause and effect: that "*If I want such-and-such to happen, then I must do this*."

It takes a while, but that's OK; at their stage of life they are expected to make lots of mistakes.

Grown-ups are different. They have done their learning in life and expect to be able to cope with whatever arises. Faced with a computer and not knowing which of the keys to press next makes them feel uncomfortable.

Even if they are already familiar with some of the things computers do, they might be complete beginners on other areas.

The speaker's presentation explained that the club recognised the varied levels of experience and that the next couple of meetings were designed to give a bit of a boost on the basics if needed (and a reminder to the rest) to help them feel comfortable.

He reviewed the types of talks given in the past and noted that members are encouraged to help decide the topics for future talks.

At the end of the presentation he noted some of the developments during the summer break, such as the increased competition in the mobile telephone market by the expansion of features built into the new telephones and the range of applications (apps) available for them.

He pointed out that advertisements for computers no longer stress their speed. This is because they are all now so fast that high speed is taken for granted. Ads now emphasise the choice of colours for the case and other features instead.

The market in mobile phone apps, was discussed, noting how many were being generated in teenage bedrooms and might become mainstream because they fill a need in the market that phone owners, didn't know existed. Some are now being produced by firms to promote their products.

Also noted was the current debate on the neutrality of the Web. Some companies want to charge for the content they provide.

It is hard to see how the Internet can remain completely free: there is a considerable cost to maintain it and commercial interests are having difficulty in making it pay.

Some large companies want to spin the search results by putting their products at the front of the search results. This is causing protest from those who fervently believe that the searches should produce results without any commercial bias.

The debate is just starting.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, September 28 at All Saints Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth. at 7.30pm. Steve will show how to control your computer's appearance.

Visitors and new members welcome. For more information, telephone 029 20 708439.

HOWARD DESMOND (chairman)

School follows up Welsh Baccalaureate success

Many Bryn Hafren pupils notched up 120 UCAS points due to the high standard of passes in their Welsh Baccalaureate advanced diploma.

STUDENTS and staff at Bryn Hafren school, Barry, were delighted by the successful results of the Welsh Baccalaureate advanced diploma in the summer with 95 per cent of students entered for the award achieving a pass equivalent to an 'A' at A-level worth 120 UCAS points.

Miss Memory, learning manager of the sixth form, said: "Our students worked really hard and deserved their results. The Welsh Baccalaureate is a qualification for the 21st century and certainly helped many of our students gain entry into their chosen universities and take a step towards their future careers."

Following on from this success, a record number of students returning to year-12 took part in the Welsh Baccalaureate induction day. After a presentation giving an overview of the qualification, students attended sessions given by representatives of a variety of charities – Ty Hafan, The Joshua Foundation, Mary's Meals and Atal y Fro.

During the year, students will fundraise for their chosen charity by doing 30 hours of team enterprise.

Star's garage sale boosts Ty Hafan

TY HAFAN continues to enjoy the support of John Barrowman, now a star of stage and screen on both sides of the Atlantic.

John Barrowman with Victoria at Ty Hafan.

In particular, the family hospice for young lives benefited from the recent garage sale held at the star's home in Sully.

With partner Scott Gill, he had decided to de-clutter and it brought crowds to their home, hoping to meet the man himself.

They weren't disappointed, as the *Torchwood* star personally sold off items such as furniture and memorabilia, adding his signature to help raise even more pounds for Ty Hafan, which is situated close by.

"On behalf of all the children, young people and families who access Ty Hafan's services, I would like to thank John and Scott for donating the proceeds of their garage sale to us, as well as the general public, who turned up to buy all the items" commented Liz Rundle,spokesperson at the hospice.

"John's enthusiastic and ongoing support of Ty Hafan is very much appreciated and valued and he is always welcome".

New teaching arrivals welcomed at Barry Comprehensive School

ABOVE: Some of the new teaching recruits at Barry Comprehensive School this year.

BARRY Comprehensive School is proud to welcome a new group of teaching staff to the school this September.

The new group comprises staff with many years of teaching experience, newly-qualified teachers and trainees.

We are extremely pleased with the high calibre of the new appointments and feel sure the new staff members will contribute greatly to their individual departments and to school life in general.

Darren takes trail challenge!

DARREN GREENLAND.

BARRY College tourism and hospitality lecturer Darren Greenland has helped raise nearly £400 for Ty Hafan children's hospice.

Darren was part of a team – with his wife Sam and two friends – who took part in the recent Ty Hafan Taff Trail Cycle Challenge.

The 55-mile bike ride started at Brecon and followed the Taff Trail, finishing in Cardiff Bay.

Darren said: "Despite a very wet start and a few minor hiccups, we got to Cardiff Bay in around six hours and 44 minutes.

"We felt we could have done a lot better and we aim to try and knock at least an hour off that next year.

"I would just like to say a big thank you to everyone, Barry College staff included, who kindly sponsored us."

Approximately 300 riders started at Brecon in teams of four, with a further 170 riders starting at Merthyr to complete the 30-mile 'half Taff' challenge.

There were checkpoints every seven miles that each team member was required to sign in at.

Friends to hold beach clean

FRIENDS of Barry Beaches will hold the first of their monthly volunteer beach cleans this Sunday, September 26 on Knap beach at 3pm (meet at Knap Terrace car park).

"Everyone is welcome to come and lend a hand, but please note that no children under the age of 14 can take part unless accompanied by an adult.

"Please wear appropriate clothing for the weather and sturdy foot ware," said chairman and co-ordinator, Coun Rob Curtis.

MUSIC TREAT

THERE will be an evening of music with the John S Davies Singers, pianist Christopher Williams and conductor John S Davies, on Saturday, October 16 in St Peter's Church, Dinas Powys, at 7pm.

Works by Handel, Brahms, John Rutter, Fauré, Howard Goodall, Mathias, Elgar, John Hughes, T Hopkin Evans and Mansel Thomas.

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Choir limbering up for their annual concert

FOLLOWING a well-deserved summer break, the Barry Male Voice Choir is back in rehearsal and ahead lies its showpiece of the year, the annual concert.

Choristers were delighted to hear that the recent concert at Cockermouth raised £1,000 which is to be shared between the Cockermouth and Pakistan flood appeals.

Choristers Ray Saunders and Peter Humberstone (*pictured above, with Musical Director Dorothy Connell*) look forward to their annual concert debut on October 1 at St Helen's Roman Catholic Church, Barry, at 7pm.

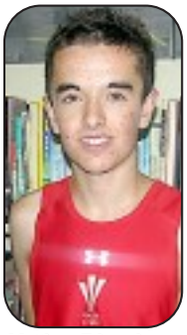
The concert will also feature artistes from Pukka Productions.

Tickets £6 are available from choir members, the choir secretary on 01446 746387, or at the door.

MATTHEW RUNS FOR WALES

DURING the summer holidays, Barry Comprehensive School year-11 pupil Matthew Edwards ran for Wales in the Celtic Games in Dublin, Ireland.

Matthew competed in the 1,500m, coming third in a very fast race. Earlier this year, Matthew took the gold medal in the 1,500m steeplechase at the Welsh Championships.



Matthew Edwards ran for Wales in the Celtic Games held in Dublin.

On the same day, he came third in the 1,500m with a time of 4 mins 11secs, being the fastest year-10 boy running in an under-17s race.

Last year, in his first year of competitive running, Matthew was county champion in the 1,500m as well as gaining a bronze medal in the Welsh cross country championship.

GEM-SPONSORED SEA VIEW LADS REVEL IN THEIR ANNUAL FISHING COMPETITION

PHOTOGRAPHS by **IAN DIXON.**

LAST Sunday, the Sea View Lads Angling Club held its 10th annual junior angling competition at Barry Waterfront.

The competition was for any person under 16 years of age.

The weather was kind on the day which saw 72 youngsters fishing, with mums, dads and grandmas in attendance.

There were lots of small fish caught – smelts, whiting, gobys, bass, eels and wrasse.

In first place was six-year-old Sam Phillips. He caught the biggest fish of the day, a 16lb 5oz wrass.

Sam won a rod and reel and took home the annual trophy cup.

Second place went to Daniel Ladnier with 151/2 oz smelts.

In third place was Daniel Roddrick with 141/2 oz smelts.

Both had a choice of prizes and picked a rod and reel each.

All contestants had a prize, including the one who did not catch a fish, many of them going home with two prizes each.

There were refreshments for youngsters, and the club made a donation to LATCH.

The Lads would like to thank The GEM, once again, for its on-going support, the Services Sports and Social club for hosting the awards at the club, Barry Angling Centre and all local sponsors for supporting the event.

Boverton All Wales Ploughing and Hedging Championships 'an overwhelming success'

PHOTOGRAPHS by GLYN EVANS

Other pictures are available from this event.
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Report by JANE JOHN

The Riverlea Claas 51st All Wales Ploughing & Hedging Championships held at Boverton Place Farm, by kind permission of VJ Thomas & Son, proved an overwhelming success.

The 'Champion Ploughman of Wales' Mr Evan Watkin from Newton, Powys will represent Wales at the World Championships in Sweden in May along with the 'Champion Welsh Reversible Ploughman' Mr D Elfed Jones. This will be Evan's 12th time to represent Wales and his ninth time as Champion of Wales!

Evan told The GEM: "I am absolutely thrilled to win and have had a wonderful day. When I parked at my plot, I felt as if I was at a world championship – it was an excellent site and a really well organised and memorable day."

The day began with a dramatic procession of at least 90 tractors and ploughs driving to their plots, followed by the mechanical hedge cutters – a local competition won by Peter Thomas from Cowbridge.

People were educated in the technical precision of ploughing, hedge laying and wire fencing with the horse ploughing always drawing the largest crowd.

Jane Muntz-Torres from Warwickshire won the best turnout while Jim Reynolds from Llandysul won the high cut horse ploughing and best working team of horses.

There was also the magnificent sight of a steam traction engine running a threshing machine, which had been kindly brought by the Museum of Welsh Life, St Fagans.

Also the steam ploughing demonstration from Hay on Wye was the talk of the day with a large audience enjoying the wonderfully preserved machinery.

The vintage parade of tractors and other farm machinery into the main ring was impressive – thanks go to Irene King of the Glamorgan Iron Horse Society for coordinating the vintage section.

The other main ring attractions also proved popular with lots of children participating in the dog display.

The president, Mr Tony Thomas, was delighted with the event. He paid tribute to a very hard working committee and to the many sponsors, in particular Riverlea Claas and the Vale Council, whose contribution ensured a successful day.

See The GEM next week for the full list of results.

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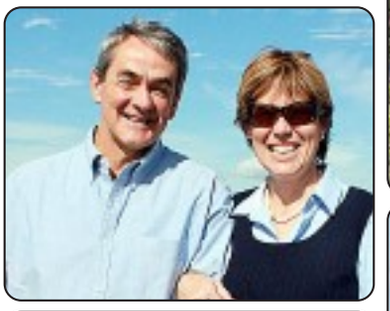

EXPERTS MAKE PLOUGHING A STRAIGHT FURROW LOOK EASY!

PAST VERSUS THE PRESENT

HORSE-DRAWN ploughs vied for the spectators' attention with modern-day tractors, as all eyes turned to the fascinating comparisons between past and present at the All-Wales Ploughing and Hedging Championships held at Boverton Farm, Llantwit Major on Saturday (September 18).

The pictures on this page were taken by keen photographer ROBERT FISHER of Cowbridge.

ABOVE: waiting their turn.

ABOVE:
Carefully does it... A competitor checks his lines as the championships get under way at Llantwit Major.

Local courses featured in new pictorial history of Welsh golf

PHIL and Trudy Carradice have teamed up to compile a delightful book on golfing titled *Golf In Wales - A Pictorial History* (published by Amberley Publishing at £14.99) and we learn that the Pile and Kenfig Golf Club, which was founded in 1919 and designed by Harry Colt, is affectionately known as P and K.

P and K has played host to many top-quality events including the men's home international matches and was a qualifying venue for the 1998 British Amateur Championships.

Along with the Royal Porthcawl and Southerndown, it is considered to be one of the top links courses in south east Wales.

As for Southerndown, it is described as "a unique course near to the sea,with entrancing views."

We are also informed that Bernard Darwin, apparently the greatest golf writer of all time, called Southerndown his favourite course in the whole of Britain.

The Royal Porthcawl is, according to the authors, "arguably the most famous course in Wales" and was founded in 1891.

As for one of the most demanding, the Cottrell Park Golf Club sits just off the A48 at St Nicholas between Cardiff and Cowbridge and boasts two testing courses, the Mackintosh and the Button Gwinnett – and there is also a driving range and excellent clubhouse facilities.

While the Dinas Powys Golf Club straddles "the flanks of a steep ridge to the west of Cardiff"' and "came into existence on the very eve of the First World War.

This was in 1914, although the creation of the club had been under discussion since 1912."

The authors use a fascinating selection of postcards and other images to tell the story of golf in Wales which has more than 170 golf courses, many in the most beautiful of landscapes and locations from Anglesey to Monmouthshire.

Phil Carradice is a full-time writer and broadcaster. He has written more than 40 books, from novels and poetry to history and biography.

He regularly broadcasts on Radio 4 and presents the BBC Wales history programme The Past Master.

Trudy Carradice is a former editor of *The South Wales Golfer* and long-time collector of golf memorabilia.

She represented Wales in the women's senior home international matches on two occasions and has been club champion in three separate golf clubs.

BRIAN LEE

'Bryneithin should house Extra Care not Theatre Royal'

– SAY LOCAL LABOUR GROUP COUNCILLORS

by TIM CHAPMAN

LABOUR councillors in Barry say that locating Extra Care facilities on the site of the Theatre Royal is "unworkable" and that they should be based at Bryneithin in Dinas Powys instead.

The councillors, who serve on the Vale Council, claim there are much more appropriate locations in the Vale for Hafod Care to build flats for the elderly than at the old cinema site.

They believe the old cinema site is unsuitable because it is close to one of Barry's busiest roads and near the 'entertainment' end of the town.

Coun Fred Johnson, who represents the Cadoc ward, argued: "The cinema site is totally unworkable and as a Labour group we are opposed to any development like this at the site.

"We are not against Extra Care housing, but this is a totally inappropriate location.

"My colleagues who represent Buttrills ward, Margaret Alexander and Stuart Egan, already receive complaints about anti-social behaviour from residents who live in the area, so why add further residential developments? It makes no sense."

The Labour group leader and fellow Cadoc councillor, Neil Moore, also expressed his dismay at the proposal to convert the former cinema into Extra Care housing.

"There is a need for Extra Care housing in the Vale, but it should not be located at the Theatre Royal site.

"As a Labour group, we have always maintained that Extra Care facilities should be developed on the Bryneithin site, as it is the best location to provide such services, and of course an EMI unit is already based there!"

Earlier this year, Hafod Care confirmed that it was hoping to work in partnership with the Vale Council and Welsh Assembly Government to bring 42 Extra Care flats and communal facilities to the old cinema site.

At the time, a Hafod Care spokesman pointed out:

"If the plans go ahead, we would not only be developing a disused site in an area of Barry that is already undergoing a lot of regeneration work, but also helping the Vale Council meet the needs of the people throughout the county."

WHAT DO *YOU* THINK?

- *What are your views on the future of the Theatre Royal and Hafod Care's plans?*

Email the Editorial Department at: ***ggem@internet-today.co.uk***

Teachers (and the school PTA) rise to their Three Peaks Challenge

AT the end of their first week back at Ysgol Bro Morgannwg following the summer holidays, 25 brave members of staff and representatives from CRYF (the school's PTA) tackled the Three Peaks Challenge.

Organised by Paul Donovan from Escape Routes, who is a governor at the school, this challenge kick-started the school's 10th anniversary celebrations.

Opened in September 2000, Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg is the Vale's only Welsh-medium comprehensive school.

A spokesperson writes: The challenge of the Three Peaks, Snowdon and Cadair Idris in driving rain, followed by a sunnier ascent of Penyfan is particularly fitting, as the school's motto is "*Dyro dy law i mi ac fe awn i ben y mynydd*". (Give me your hand and I'll take you to the top of the mountain.)

The school's mission statement notes that we aim to develop each pupil's potential and assist them in achieving their goals.

Numerous events have been arranged for the coming year and we look forward to celebrating with the past and present pupils, parents, and friends.

ABOVE:
Cadair Idris here we come!

ABOVE and LEFT:
Giving each other a hand to conquer the three peaks were pupils, members of the staff and the PTA in a symbolic celebration marking the start of the school's 10th anniversary year.

Kayaks take part in river clean-up

ABOVE: Gareth Kiddie in the forefront with Brian Mayne behind.

TWO Barry environmentalists and their kayaks took part in the 'Great Taff Tidy', an ambitious clean-up of Wales' most iconic river recently.

Gareth Kiddie and Brian Mayne were among volunteers helping to clean the 52 miles of river from its source in the Brecon Beacons to Cardiff Bay.

Organised by Keep Wales Tidy, as part of the Tidy Towns project, the 'Great Taff Tidy' saw community groups, businesses, local residents, fishing clubs, canoe enthusiasts and diving clubs join forces in over 40 events.

The volunteers filled their kayaks with discarded tyres, footballs, cans and bottles.

Tidy Wales spokeswoman Louise Tambini said: "Whilst the turnout was higher than expected, there are still some areas of the Taff that we did not manage to clean, so we will be returning during Tidy Wales Week (September 20–26) to finish the job."

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Birthdays

Happy 1st Birthday

Chloe Jo Carr

September 25, 2010

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Sophie McManus

Happy 18th Birthday

23 September 2010

Lots of love, Mum, Dad and all the family.
xxxx

Family Notices

WILLIAMS
Donald

Peacefully on 14th September at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Donald, beloved husband of Betty and dearly loved father of Stephen and Michael, and much loved grandfather to his grandchildren and great grand children. Many thanks to all on Ward 4 for their wonderful care, and also a thank you to Dr. R. Kavanagh of Eryl Surgery.

Resting at W.A. Brown & Son. Funeral service to be held on Monday 27th September at 2.15pm in Coychurch Crematorium.

Family flowers only, but donations in lieu may be made to The British Heart Foundation (cheques only).

HENSON
William Peter (Bill)

Peacefully on 14th September, Bill of Llantwit Major. Dearly loved husband of Eileen, devoted father of Lynda, much loved grandfather of Zoe, Michael, Stephanie, Norma & Paul, adored great granddad to Lucas & Maile, Angharad, James & Tom.Will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. A celebration of his life at Coychurch Crematorium on Tuesday 28th September at 2.15pm. No mourning by request. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu to Cancer Relief or Ty Hafan (cheques only) c/o W.A.Brown & Son, College St., Llantwit Major 01446 792489.

Stockdale, Betty

Clive would like to thank all medical teams at Princess of Wales; Llandough; The Heath; Llantrisant Dialysis Centre and the Clinic, Boverton Road, Llantwit Major for the help and support they gave his dearly departed wife Betty through her long illness.

You were All marvellous.

RUSSELL
Albert

Peacefully, on September 20 at Velindre Hospital, Albert of Rhoose, aged 90 years.

Beloved husband of Maureen, much loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Tuesday, September 28, service and cremation 11am at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend. No flowers by request, donations in lieu if desired to Velindre Hospital, Whitchurch, Cardiff.

Public Notices

PRESS NOTICE

Brackla Industrial Estate

On behalf of Bridgend County Borough Council in partnership with the Regeneration Investment Fund Wales Barton Willmore are organising a Public Exhibition on the Draft Development Brief for Brackla Industrial Estate.

Thursday 23rd September 2010
Gilead Chapel Hall, Coity from 2pm until 9pm

Friday 24th September 2010
Brackla Tabernacle from 10am until 5pm

Saturday 25th September 2010
Brackla Tabernacle from 10am until 2pm

Members of the Planning & Design Team from Barton Willmore will be in attendance.

The exhibition will then be displayed unmanned in the Bridgend Council Reception, Angel Street, Bridgend following the exhibition until 5th November 2010.

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NOTICE OF MAKING
DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER
SECTION 53 OF THE WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981
THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL DEFINITIVE MAP
THE DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE FORMER COUNTY OF SOUTH GLAMORGAN RELEVANT DATE 14th SEPTEMBER 1954.
THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2010 (No.DMO/53/358)

The above order made on 25th August 2010, if confirmed as made, will modify the definitive map and statement for the area by adding to them the footpath from Dochdwy Road to Cogan Pill Road.

A copy of the order and the order map may be seen free of charge at the address below between 9.00am and 4.00pm on weekdays. Copies of the order and map may be bought there at a price of £4.50.

Any representation or objection relating to the order must be sent in writing to the Director of Environmental and Economic Regeneration, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Docks Offices, Subway Road, Barry, CF63 4RT not later than 4 November 2010 and applicants are requested to state the grounds on which it is made.

If no representations or objections are duly made to the order, or to any part of it, or if any so made are withdrawn, the Vale of Glamorgan Council may, instead of submitting the order to the Welsh Assembly Government, itself confirm the order. If the order is submitted to the Welsh Assembly Government, any representations and objections, which have been duly made and not withdrawn, will be sent with the order.

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YOUNG ONES' PERSONAL BESTS

Barry swimmers excel on their sponsored swim

RECENTLY, young club members took part in Barry Amateur Swimming Club's annual 800m sponsored swim at Barry Leisure Centre, 32 lengths of the Barry pool.

In the 8-and-under age group, Ffion McCulloch took first place with a time of 19m.57s.41, a fantastic improvement over last year by five minutes. In the 9+10 age group, swimming the distance for the club for the first time, Bethan Williams came first in a time of 14m.45s.89, with Grace Insole not far behind in second place in a time of 14m.52s.82.

Not to be outdone by her sister, Elizabeth McCulloch, in the 11+12 year old age group, came first in a time of 13m.09s.88, improving last year's time by just under two minutes.

Georgia Looker, in the 13+14 year age group, gained first place in a club record of 10m.52s.91. This was an improved time of 12 seconds from last year.

In the senior age group, in first place was Alana Wilson (aged 15) in a time of 11m.25s.80. Alana has come first in all the age groups for the past four years, so well done.

Swimming in the open age group with the boys, Philippa Wheeler gained first place in a time of 15m.31s.08

In the boys 8-and-under age group, all three swimmers were swimming the event for the first time and all of them have only been with the club for a short time.

In a very exciting finish, Connor Grant came first in a time of 23m.35s.09. Just a second later was Evan Morgan followed by Rhodri Vickers in a time of 27m.41s.43.

In the 9+10 year age group, in a time of 13m.45s.33, James Hamer took first place. Shaun Bowden took second in a time of 13m.54s.25 followed by Declan Ewington, just behind in third place in a time of 12m.54s.47.

Luke Chandler, swimming in this event having only just started his trial with the club, swam the distance in a very good time of 24m.13s.55.

Not to be out done by his sister, in the 11+12 age group Douglas Wilson came first in a time of 11m.09s.03. Tristan Ceur, swimming in the 13 + 14 year age group, came first in a time for 11m.09s.03.

Again another family battle was between Rhys and Simon Perry.

Rhys (aged 17) came first in the senior age group in a time of 10m.35s.63. In the open age group Simon (aged 20) also won in a time of 10m.17s.33.

Well done to Mike Looker, performance A coach, who swam the 32 lengths in a time of 16m.54s.63.

Barry Amateur Swimming Club is always looking for new members. For a trial, contact Mrs Heulwen Cooper on 01446 733784. The club swims at Barry Leisure Centre and Cardiff International Pool. For more information, look on the Barry Amateur Swimming Club Web Site.

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RIGHT: Alana Wilson.

ABOVE: Under-8 swimmers Rhodri Vickers, Connor Grant and Evan Morgan with club chairperson Heulwen Cooper.

Three clean sheets for Barry under-9s

Barry under-9s, who had a successful trip to Cardiff.

BARRY RFC under-9s travelled to Cardiff to take part in a round robin with Glamorgan Wanderers, Llanishen and St Joseph's.

The under-9s have worked hard this summer learning new skills in readiness for full contact this season, and have also had to adapt to new 'Pathway' laws which were brought in last month, introducing non-contested scrums.

Barry started the morning by winning their first game 5-0. This continued into the other two games, where Barry's defence was impossible to break and they did not concede a try in any of the games they played.

Coach Grantley Harris said that fantastic support play and ball skills from all, as well as making every tackle count, was the key to the team's success.

Final scores were Barry v Llanishen 5-0, Barry v St Joseph's 5-0, Barry v Glamorgan Wanderers 7-0.

Grantley was incredibly proud of all the boys and would like to say a huge thank you to them for their commitment, and also to the parents for all their support and encouragement on the sidelines. Thanks should also be given to Grantley for all his hard work and dedication.

Squad: Louie H, Sam, Lewi C, Calvin, Jake, Jay, Daniel, Mason, Max, Calvin, Taylor, Jacob, Rhys, Connor and Joel.

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Barry Town face home cup match

BARRY TOWN bid to make it 11 games unbeaten on Saturday at Jenner Park against Cardiff Quins, kick-off 2pm.

The Town got to the semi-final of the League Cup last year, and on current form and against a team at the bottom of Division Three, they should progress to the second round with ease.

Last Saturday's 3–0 victory over STM Sports in the Welsh Cup first round was made harder than it should have been.

Leading for most of the match 1–0 from an Atif Bashir header, the Town survived a few scares to score two late goals – a Michael Hartley shot and a Layton Maxwell penalty.

The Town have been rewarded with another home tie the following Saturday, October 2, against Corus Steel.

Barry Town's first League match at home is scheduled for Friday, October 15 – from the club.

Ian Jones is expected to have recovered from injury for selection against Quins.

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Atif Bashir, who scored Barry's first in Saturday's cup match.

Riding club's trophy show

Phillip McGrath with his trophies.

LLANTWIT Major and District Riding Club held its trophy show at Tremains Farm recently.

The day was a busy one for all and the weather was good, with the sun out for most of the day.

Congratulations to Phillip McGrath (age 14) who came first in the 2ft class, with his sister Ellie-Mae coming fourth in the 2ft 3in class.

Thanks to all who organised this event and congratulations to everyone who took part.

Cadoxton Imps remain top – and stay undefeated

CADOXTON Imps AFC's Division Two team in the Vale Senior League has had an excellent start to the season, currently lying top of the league with maximum points from their first five games – the only team in the Division with a 100 per cent record.

The team has enjoyed wins against Pro Copy (2-1); Glenbrook (5-1); Barry Town Social (4-2); Sully Sports (3-0) and last Saturday against previous Division Two pace setters, Park Vets (3-2).

The game against Park Vets was a close fought match between two teams who both have aspirations for the title this season, although the Imps should have buried more of their numerous chances to put the result beyond doubt much earlier on.

The Imps scored early with a great passing move that saw skilful midfielder Andrew Carrel play a superb wide ball to Ritchie Williams on the right wing, who beat the Vets' full-back and placed an inch-perfect cross into the path of Wilson Diaz who made no mistake from close range.

The Imps increased their lead soon after with some dogged determination from Andrew Mason, finding Ritchie Williams, who made it 2-0.

Park Vets then raised their game and had a good 20-minute spell with the off-the-ball movement of ex-Imps player Rhys Jones and the experienced Jeff Preece causing some disarray in the Imps back line, resulting in a well-deserved goal to make it 2-1 at half-time.

In the second half, Dan Ruben Aadland scored with his first touch to make it 3-1. With the pressure off, the Imps then had a good period, creating several decent chances but not converting them, which could have proven costly as Park Vets hadn't give up on the game.

The game was put back on a knife edge when the Vets bundled in a second goal to make it 3-2 with 15 minutes to go. The final period of the game was now much more tense for the Imps than it should have been, but they held on to run out as worthy 3-2 winners at the full time whistle.

The Imps would like to thank Park Vets for the competitive, but fair spirit, in which the game was played and to thank Paul Jenkins for the difficult task of refereeing a close game between two of the top teams in the division.

The Imps would also like to thank Lyndon Smith and LDS Motor Factors for once again sponsoring their new kit this season, and also for again sponsoring several of the Imps mini and junior teams.

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Cowbridge derby as A & B teams clash

After a splendid display of fine football with their midweek local derby 5-1 victory, league leaders Cowbridge Town A under12s faced an even more local derby match as they faced their the club's B team.

Many of the players having been close team mates over the years and managers Steve Day and Ed Jones, both very close friends, came head to head against each other for 60 minutes..

Day named several changes for the starting line up to the team that played in midweek, while Jones had little choice, as he only had a squad of 12, compared to Day's choice of 15.

Owen Tuckwell and Tom Overstone made their first starts for the A team.

The game itself started at a frantic pace as Cowbridge B pressed hard, closing down the A team quickly and not allowing the As into their normal smooth pattern of play and passing.

Sean Davies was the best outlet in the first half for the As with his bursting runs down the right wing. Fantastic defending by the Bs again prevented goal opportunities.

The game was stalemate at 0-0 until 17 minutes when A won a free kick 20 yards out from goal. Sean Davies stepped up to hit a screaming shot into the high right of the net to open up the score.

Shortly afterwards Sammy Lee made it two, getting his foot on the end of a frantic goal-mouth scramble.

The B team got back into the game, with a driving shot from Iwan Goodwin that hit the back of the A team net shortly before half time.

In the second half, A pressed harder towards the B goal with more fluent passing and control but time after time they were denied by the impressive Harry Hopkins, the B keeper who seemed to have glue on his gloves!

Duncan Ace eventually beat Harry to make it 3-1.

Anyone interested in playing should call Steve Day or Ed Jones on 02920 444175 (working hours).

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WRITE IN!

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Cowbridge win local encounter

COWBRIDGE under-12 A took on Llantwit Major and it was a competitive local derby, played in a fantastic spirit by both sides.

In a tight first half with both teams having a few chances, Llantwit Major took the lead after Cowbridge's midfield struggled to get their normal passing game together and gave away the ball, leading to a great break and finish.

Cowbridge, after three wins on the bounce, headed to the half time dressing room, for a sharp dressing down by their manager and they came out a different side.

They took hold of the game, got their passing and movement working, and saw their striker Harrison Stevens equalise from a fantastic corner from Duncan Ace.

Harrison was replaced by Owen Tuckwell, making his first start for Cowbridge as a striker. Owen was straight into the game, and produced a match winning hat-trick, finishing with fantastic quality each time the midfield fed him.

Sean Davies, also a tactical second half change, used his electric speed and control down the wing to provide another goal for Cowbridge.

Tomos Evans Williams beat Tuckwell to man of the match with his sterling performance at centre half, snuffing out the Llantwit attack on the majority ofoccasions.

A great game of fair play and good football saw Cowbridge remain at the top of the table.

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ROMILLY PARK HOSTS DAY OUT FOR THE STEAM AND VINTAGE CAR ENTHUSIASTS

STEAM and vintage car enthusiasts headed for Romilly Park in Barry on Sunday, September 19 to witness a spectacular display of antique vehicles.

Apart from the treasure trove of machines and cars on display, there were lots of attractions for all the family, including martial art displays, a giant slide, and an adrenaline-inducing fairground ride.

One particularly popular ride was the mini railway with a track that had been specially constructed for the day.

Local youngsters entertained the crowds with a display of their skills in martial arts.

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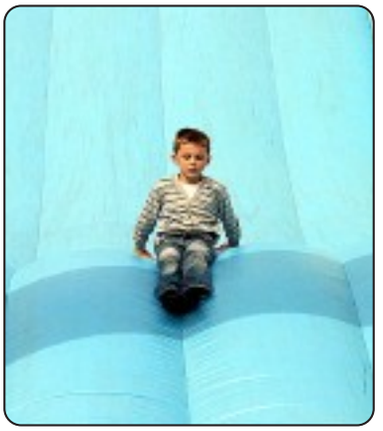

BARRY CLUBS' MIXED PAIRS COMPETITION ENDS SEASON

RIGHT: Winners of the interclub pairs Angela Arnold (Cadoxton) and Barbara Stanton (BP).

THE inter club pairs took place on Sunday, September 12, and three clubs BP, Cadoxton and Central Bowling, took part in a mixed pairs competition at Central Bowling Club.

Thankfully, the weather was kind and all the ladies had a wonderful day.

Lady members took part in a round robin competition, three sets of seven ends. The ladies were divided into two sections – the winners from each section playing off in a final over seven ends.

Section one winners were Pat Morgans (BP) and Moya Slee (Cadoxton), who played section two winners Angela Arnold (Cadoxton) and Barbara Stanton (BP).

After six ends, the score was 5-2 to Angela and Barbara. Taking the last end, Angela and Barbara won the Interclub Pairs Shield. Congratulations to Angela in her first year of bowling – a great achievement.

Congratulations to all who entered making it again another great success. Thank you to the Central ladies for providing a very welcome lunch and tea.

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Dinas steal away win after a sending-off

CAERLEON 1
DINAS POWYS 2

IT was good to see former Dinas' keeper Kieran Blackburn again – even if he was playing for the opposition! – but he wouldn't have been happy with the result that saw Dinas come away with a deserved three points.

Dinas started well but it was the home side who made the incisive opening after just four minutes when hesitancy in the Dinas defence allowed Luke Palmer to burst through and chip the ball over the advancing keeper, Dave Burnett.

Caerleon could only hold onto the lead for three minutes. The visitors' reply came from a free-kick on the right hand edge of the area meant for Liam Jones, and when the ball cleared him, Jason Davies hit the ball into the ground and it bounced over Blackburn and into the net off the far post.

This gave Dinas the confidence to get their passing game going with Ollie Dalton forcing a good save from Blackburn in the Caerleon goal, and Ricki Morgan bursting into the area only to see his cross cleared.

On the half hour, the home side were reduced to ten men when Jason Price was given a straight red card for violent conduct.

As seen in the last game when Dinas were reduced to nine men, the home side stepped up their game and held Dinas at bay for the fifteen minutes to half-time, and arguably had the best opportunity with George Lloyd forcing Dave Burnett into a good save.

Ten minutes into the second-half they got the breakthrough, good work on the right gave Jason Davies the chance to cross low across the eighteen yard box, Ricki Morgan helped the ball on for Ollie Dalton, who beat a defender, before firing into the corner of the net from fifteen yards.

Liam Jones should have done better with a header and a Barry Pappin cross beat the keeper but bounced off the crossbar with Rhodri Foote putting the ball back into the area for Ollie Dalton, but he headed wide of goal.

With fifteen minutes left Caerleon sent on the pacey Luke Cueto up front and there were immediate calls for a penalty when he raced through the defence and was bundled off the ball before keeper Dave Burnett gathered.

The home side pushed forward in search of the equaliser but Dinas held out for the remainder of the game.

Jon Carpentier came into the heart of the defence for his first league game since returning to the club and he made his presence felt with a man of the match performance.

It was a good weekend for Dinas senior sides with the reserves winning 3-1 away at Ely Rangers on Friday evening and the youth beating Barry Town 4-2 at The Murch on Sunday.

Two of the reserve team players who played against Ely Rangers also made the trip to Caerleon as substitutes.

First team assistant manager Phil Clay was at the youth game running the rule over players who may have the ability to step up to the Welsh Leagues side in the future.

Next game is a Nathaniel League Cup Round One clash on Saturday September 25, Dinas Powys v Cwmbran Celtic.

For further news and fixtures see the club's web site: www.dinaspowysfc.co.uk

MORLEY WILLIAMS

Learning curve for the under-8s at Aberdare

COWBRIDGE under-8s took part in the Aberdare mini-rugby tournament at Aberdare recently.

The least said about the first game against Abercwmboi, a heavy defeat, probably the better.

The second game, preceded by considerable input by the coaches, saw a remarkable turnaround. The boys defeated Bridgend Athletic, who had beaten Cowbridge the week before, by six tries to four. This was quite stunning in the light of what had taken place previously.

The third and final group game was against Mountain Ash. This resulted in a five tries each draw. That result meant that if Abercwmboi defeated Bridgend Athletic in the last group game, Cowbridge would proceed to the semi-finals as runners-up in their group. This they did and Cowbridge played Aberdare in the semi-final.

Another excellent performance by the boys saw Jake Williams matching Aberdare try for try, resulting in five tries each half-time score. Aberdare scored an early try in the second half but again Cowbridge came back.

Finally, Aberdare scored what was possibly the best try of the tournament and a final try by Aberdare resulted in an unrepresentative score of eight tries to six.

Despite being knocked out, the improvement in performance will lead to much optimism for the season to come. Though all the boys contributed, special mention should be given to the coaches – Richard, Rob and Andy for their perseverance and to Harry Whittaker and Jake Williams, whose contributions were immense.

Squad: Aled Leitch, Owen Godsall, Robbie Hawkins, Oliver Jarmaine, Dewi Williams, Ben Farrell, James Gilvear, Matthew Gilvear, Jake Williams, Elis Howell, Harry Whittaker, Iestyn Owen, David Harris, Harri Howkins and Charlie Lock. **KH**

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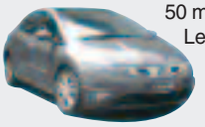
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MAN OF THE MATCH PHIL HELPS SEAL WANDERERS' DERBY WIN

THE Wanderers travelled the short distance to Barry Island for their traditional end of season fixture against local rivals Barry Athletic.

The fixture saw both sides play on a sunny but chilly day as the cricket jumpers were out in force.

Skipper Keir, fresh from leading the 1st XI to promotion, lost the toss and the hosts, led by Ashley Baker, elected to bat. It didn't help that on a big outfield, the Wanderers were missing two of their players as they were still getting to the ground.

However, Gareth Hughes and Luke Denning both bowled a tight opening spell. The runs were at a premium and this culminated in Hughes bowling the dangerous Ashley Baker for five. Shae Ellis, having a hit a few good shots in between being dropped three times as the cold conditions affected the catching, eventually departed for 18, with Hughes again the wicket taker.

Change bowler Alun Wade came on at the pavilion end and his medium pace accounted for Rhys Howell and, after having a catch in the slips turned down, he clean-bowled Phillips two balls later – which led to a comical send off from Wade!

Phil John was bowling excellently, as he has all season, and he ripped into the heart of the Athletic innings with three wickets.

Nathan Baker then took it to the Wanderers' attack, scoring 11 off one over before Ellis had the last laugh with a beautiful off cutter to bowl Baker for 31.

Gareth King came on and took a caught and bowled before Ellis wrapped up the Athletic innings with another caught and bowled to remove the evergreen Neil Holmes.

Athletic finished on 127 all out.

As always, the tea was superb and everyone was suitably well fed and watered as the second half of the game began.

Dean Thomas was bowled by S Jones for a duck and this brought run machine Gethin King to the wicket.

His quick-scoring took the pressure off as he took a shine to Neil Holmes, with one productive over going for 18. Emyr John supported King before change bowler Haswell clean-bowled him with a quick delivery on 41.

Gareth King joined his brother in the middle and they took the score to 67 before first, Gethin departed, caught for 41, and then Gareth for 10.

Barnes, looking for his 10,000th career Wanderers' run, departed for 13 and with Keir, Hughes, Denning and Wade all going cheaply, with the latter being run out for two, the Wanderers' innings was in tatters at 97 for 9.

With only four overs to score more than 30 runs and No 11 batsmen Ellis joining Phil John, the game looked all but over.

However, the Wanderers 2nd XI mainstays staged a dramatic comeback with Phil John hitting some glorious straight drives. The score went past 100, 110 and 120 and going into the last over the Wanderers needed seven to win.

A scampered single off the first ball followed by another single left five to win off four balls. A dot ball followed to increase the pressure, but then Phil John hit a great four, followed by an inside edge for two, to seal an unlikely win with only one ball remaining.

The result epitomised the Wanderers' great season and left skipper Keir a happy man. Phil John deservedly won the Sofa Sofa man of the match, following up his three wickets with a 24 not out. As the saying goes: "There's life in the old dog left" and the Wanderers' tail certainly wagged for this hard-earned win.

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Llantwit's netball B team win two-week tournament

LLANTWIT Major Netball B side stormed to a pre-season win in a netball tournament played over two weeks.

The first three games were played on Thursday, September 9, where Llantwit won two and drew one.

This was a great platform for the team to prepare for the second leg, which took place on Thursday, September 16.

On the night there were some very hard fought battles on court, but Llantwit emerged victorious, winning all three games and with that took the tournament.

Bethan Evans and Sarah Everall showed exceptional shooting skills backed up by excellent feeding into the circle from Kim Spargo at centre and Jodie Ackland as wing attack.

Mina Wylie, Sarah Thomas and Nicola Fleig were also solid in defence ensuring that the ball flowed extremely well back to the attacking players.

Aimee Price, Olivia Holt, Lizzie Davies and Jodie Cotton all deserve equal praise for their contributions over the six games.

This is a brilliant result in terms of increased confidence and self belief within the squad, especially with the winter league commencing on Thursday, September 23.

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Barry frustrate, but win maintains flawless opening to the season

Llandaff put to the sword

ABOVE: Action from the line-out, as Barry RFC beat Llandaff by 33 points to 3 on Saturday. PHOTO BY GARETH JAMIESON

LLANDAFF	**3**
BARRY	**33**

BARRY continued their winning ways with a comprehensive, but sometimes frustrating, defeat of Llandaff by 33-3 last Saturday, scoring five tries in the process.

The frustration was due to Barry's ability to concede nearly as many penalties as they scored points.

The opening 20 minutes produced a stalemate, with both sides trying to play attacking rugby but too often most of these efforts resulted in penalty offences and from one of these, Llandaff took a three-point lead.

Barry's forwards were providing plenty of ball for the three-quarters, except from lineouts, and although they occasionally threatened, good Llandaff defence denied them.

The game livened up towards half-time and a score looked likely when Hadfield caught a kick ahead by Cummins to race 60 yards upfield, only to lose possession just short of the line.

Barry were not to be denied and from an attack initiated by Adams, despite slow ball from the ruck, Hadfield raced over for the first try of the game – the conversion was unsuccessful.

Barry were coming alive and following two good attacks, found themselves just short of the Llandaff line.

A fine lineout steal by King allowed the backs to move the ball quickly for Walsh, a replacement for injured Brown, o go over for a try, well converted by Cummins.

Barry started the second half with forwards showing good handling skills, especially from King and George, but once again conceded a penalty from which Llandaff moved the ball quickly up toward the line. Although recycling the ball in six phases, the Barry defence held firm, came back on the attack and, from a neat break by Lee, Cummins linked to give Adams the try which Cummins converted.

This encouraged Barry to greater efforts and both backs and forwards showed good ability and skill in creating further chances for no reward.

At this stage, Barry's forwards had taken control, superbly led by George, but occasionally the Llandaff backs threatened, only to be met with resolute Barry defence.

Mumford and McTavish replaced Lee and Jones, and the game moved into its final minutes with Barry still looking for the bonus point, attacking from all over the field.

From a scrum, Barry drove forward allowing the backs quick ball, releasing Hadfield to score his second try of the afternoon.

Barry hadn't finished, however, and a loose clearance by Llandaff found Cummins who, from 50 yards out, scythed his way through the defence to score a fine try, which he converted to end the scoring.

For the supporters it is pleasing to see the work ethic of the team, and if sometimes it doesn't come off, the will is obviously there, and the effort cannot be faulted.

It is again of some significance that the side has only conceded 11 points in their three games to date.

Another good win keeps Barry at the top of the table, but if there were a table for penalties conceded they might be top of this too, food for thought!

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'We are the champions!'

ABOVE (left to right): Matthew Thomas, Gareth Sullivan, David Eskins, Richard Ready, Graeme Parry (SWALEC, head of domestic sales), Mike O'Shea, Roger Clitheroe, Ryan Silvester.

SULLY PICK UP PREMIER CRICKET LEAGUE AWARDS

FOLLOWING a successful season, Sully Cricket Club were recently presented with two trophies at the Glamorgan Cricket Awards for their impressive double win of the inaugural SWALEC Premier Cricket League and its Twenty20 competition.

Sully started their winning streak at the SWALEC Premier Cricket League Twenty20 Final on Sunday, August 1 at the SWALEC Stadium, with a convincing win against Swansea Cricket Club, and then became champions of the inaugural league with a draw against Pontarddulais.

Sully captain, Mike O'Shea, remarked of his team's performance: "It's been a fabulous effort this season. We've certainly proved we're the best team in Wales, which I believe is a direct reflection of the amount of work we have put in off the pitch as much as on. The new Premier League has certainly improved the standard of cricket in south Wales."

Matthew Maynard, Glamorgan director of cricket, commented: "I've played in several Premier League games myself this season and I think the standard is very high. I'd like to congratulate Sully Centurions and compliment them on the manner in which they played the game and how they conducted themselves."

Barry Wanderers suffer at the hands of Cardiff Casuals

ON a late September afternoon, Barry Wanderers entertained old friends Cardiff Casuals down at Hayes Point.

The visitors won the toss and promptly decided to bat on a decent track. Skipper Steve Norman (playing through the pain barrier) asked Andy Fenton and Mike Ashton to open the bowling.

The former immediately found his line and length and bowled probably his best spell of the season – returning 8-5-8-0. Ashton, meanwhile, was his usual dogged self and returned 3 for 37 off his eight overs. This meant the Casuals were 46 for 3 off 16 overs.

Change bowlers Neil Blundell and Paul Wade continued the good work, Blundell was unlucky, returning 8 overs 0 for 40 and Wade 4 for 27 off his 8.

It was left to Tom Edwards and Reno Defeo to finish, Edwards with 1 for 12 and Defeo with 2 for 8.

An excellent fielding performance included outstanding catches from Lanagan, Ridgwell and Fenton, plus sterling work behind the sticks from Brian Gist, which included a sharp stumping.

After another cracking tea – thanks Pete Daughton – Lanagan and Ridgwell opened the innings and both were back in the hutch before long with 2 and 1 respectively.

Wolfenden didn't trouble the scorers and when Defeo went for a duck, BWCC were in the mire at 11 for 4, which became 26 for 5 when Edwards went for 6.

A good stand of 26 by Fenton and Blundell followed, but when the latter went first for 10 and then the former for 18, it was shut up shop by Norman (13no) and Gist (11) until Gist was run out like the proverbial dog by Lanagan (running for Norman).

BWCC ended on 84 for 8 off their 20 overs.

Casuals won the game by 51 runs.

The SofaSofa man of the match was Paul Wade for his 4 for 27.

There is one more weekend of the season left – one game at home, and the final game on Sunday away at local rivals Sully Centurions.

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